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A PREMIER DISPLAY!

Victory keeper Mitchel Langerak heads away the danger.

Andy Johnson cenverts the penalty to give the visitors the lead.

Melbourne Victory found themselves on the wrong end of a 3-nil scoreline on Saturday night, humbled by EPL side Fulham in their pre-season friendly at Etihad Stadium in front of 20,666 fans.

Goals from Andy and Eddie Johnson as well as Norwegian Erik Nevland sealed the match for the Cottagers, who were far from fluent but still too much for the reigning A-League champions to handle.

Fulham coach Roy Hodgson sent out a fairly strong starting XI containing both of his first choice strikers in Andy Johnson and Bobby Zamora as well as skipper Danny Murphy and several other first team players.

The Victory were at near full strength, with Brazillian striker Ney Fabiano and midfielder Grant Brebner both sitting out with injury, but otherwise Ernie Merrick picked near his strongest XI.

Despite the clear gulf in class between the two sides, it was Melbourne who had the better of the early exchanges.

They were nearly gifted a goal in the first minute when Thompson intercepted a lazy pass from Fulham defender John Pantsil and laid off for Hernandez, whose 20 yard shot took a deflection.

The resulting corner from Leigh Broxham was well met by a leaping Thompson, but his header was cleared off the line.

Thompson's pace and enterprise posed some problems for Fulham's defence early on, Melbourne looking comfortable in the opening 20 minutes without ever really threatening.

Broxham forced a diving save from Schwarzer in the 12th minute from a 30 yard free kick, but the Socceroo custodian handled it fairly comfortably, catching the ball well.

On 18 minutes, Tommy Pondeljak found some space in the middle and laid off for Allsopp on his right.

The striker advanced into the 18 yard box but his shot took a deflection and went wide.

Fulham began to settle, with Gera, Zamora and Johnson starting to combine ominously, and their central midfield pairing Danny Murphy and Andranik starting to assert more influence on proceedings.

Fulham went 1-0 up after 33 minutes when their skipper Danny Murphy supplied a lovely cross into Andy Johnson from the right flank.

With Johnson clear in the six yard box and poised to score, Melbourne captain Kevin Muscat's crude challenge on the forward gave referee Strebre Dilovski no cause to hesitate in pointing to the spot, Johnson duly converting.

Fulham looked sharper in the second half, their class shining through.

Andy Johnson, who was busy throughout, switched play from the left to Gera who swivelled nicely, cutting back for Zamora beautifully. Zamora had plenty of time to poke a goal home from 6 yards, but took too long, his eventual shot cleared off the line.

Archie Thompson nearly got one back for the Victory against the run of play but he hit the crossbar from 7 yards out after meeting a Pondeljak cross in the 63rd minute

Fulham, who were growing in fluidity, made it 2-0 when substitute striker Eddie Johnson was played in by a lovely through ball from Iranian international Andranik, putting him one out with Moss, the big American striker finishing nicely in the 68th minute.

And again it was the clever Iranian who intercepted a sloppy Kevin Muscat pass in defence and played through Erik Nevland, the Norwegian striker making no mistake with the finish in the 74th minute.

And it should have been 4-0 after Nevland was again was played one out with Moss just before full-time. His chip over the advancing keeper hit the underside of the crossbar, bouncing down and then out of the goalmouth.

Starting lineups:

MVFC (4-1-3-2): Langerak (gk), Kemp, Vargas, Muscat, Berger, Broxham, Ward, Hernandez, Pondeljak, Thompson, Allsopp.

Fulham (4-4-2): Schwarzer (gk), Pantsil, Baird, Hughes, Kallio, Gera, Murphy, Andranik, Seol, Johnson, Zamora.

By Chris Aloi

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Victory's Leigh Broxham takes on the Fulham defence.

Fulham's Andy Johnson tries to get one past Victory's Carlos Hernandez.

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Celtic captain Scott McDonald holds the Translink Cup as Celtic ran out 3-0 winners against the Qld Roar yesterday. Photo: Brett McDonald

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GLORY SECURES A GREEN & GOLD COYNE

Perth Glory's remarkable off-season recruiting drive has netted an unprecedented third current Socceroos player with Chris Coyne agreeing to join the club for the next three years.

Glory placed a formal offer to Coyne following his release from English club Colchester United and the West Australian has confirmed his intentions to play for his home town club.

Perth was not the only side interested in securing the services of the uncompromising defender and won the race for Coyne's signature against a host of other clubs both in Australia and abroad.

"The Perth Glory revival is well and truly on the march," said Perth Glory Owner Tony Sage.

"Chris has seen what we've set in motion here and the high standard of players we've brought together at the club.

"Quality attracts quality and we are delighted to add another player with the experience and skill that Chris possesses.

"Chris played a huge part in Australia's successful World Cup qualifying campaign and will be a vital component in our squad, all of whom are hungry and determined to propel Perth back to the top of the Australian game," said Mr Sage.

It will be a homecoming for the 30 year old West Australian following 13 years overseas, and will unite him with younger brother, and fellow defender, Jamie for the first time in their professional careers.

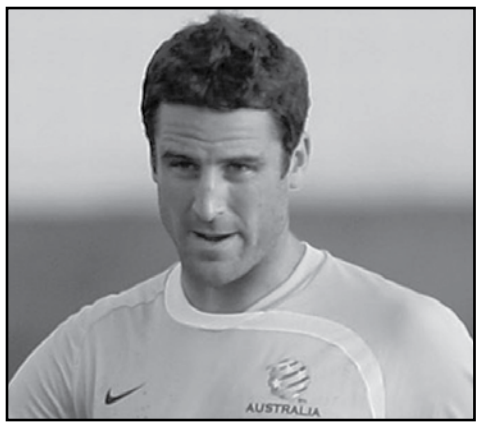
"To play alongside Jamie and for my hometown club was an opportunity that I didn't want to pass up," Coyne said.

"I'm very happy to be coming home and I think Perth have been able to put together a really strong squad.

Like Glory's other Socceroos recruits, Jacob Burns and Mile Sterjovski, Coyne sought out the blessing of national team boss Pim Verbeek ahead of his move back to Australia.

"I spoke to Pim and he was happy for me to come back. He will definitely have more opportunity to see me playing week in and week out which helped me make the decision.

"I feel as though I'm coming back while I still have plenty of good football to play and can offer Perth Glory my best," Coyne said.



Perth Coach Dave Mitchell said Coyne's signature is another significant addition to a squad which is determined to make their mark in the Hyundai A-League this season.

"We've been able to strengthen all areas across the pitch and have depth in every position," Mitchell said.

"Chris is a wonderful player and brings added experience and toughness to our defence. I'm delighted he has decided to join our club."

Coyne will arrive in Perth this weekend and is expected to begin training with his new team mates early next week.

Date of birth: 20 December 1978 (age 30)
Place of birth: Brisbane, Australia
Height: 185cm
Position: Centre Back

National Team
Qantas Socceroos: 7 apps
Debut Match: v Iraq (L0-1), World Cup qualifier, Dubai (UAE), June 2008
Most recent match played: v Bahrain (W2-0), World Cup qualifier, Sydney (AUS), June 2009

Previous Clubs
1995–1996 Perth SC (WA Premier League); 1996–2000 West Ham United 1 (0); 1998 Brentford (loan) 7 (0); 1999 Southend United (loan) 1 (0); 2000–2001 Dundee 20 (0); 2001–2008 Luton Town 221 (14); 2008– 2009 Colchester United 32 (1)

RUDD MEETS BLATTER IN ZURICH

Australia pushed its claims to host the 2018 or 2022 FIFA World Cup from the very top when Prime Minister Kevin Rudd met with the President of FIFA, Joseph Blatter, at FIFA Headquarters in Zurich.

In a private meeting that lasted more than an hour, Prime Minister Rudd outlined Australia's claims to host the greatest show on earth accompanied by Football Federation Australia (FFA) Chairman, Frank Lowy AC, as well as FFA CEO, Ben Buckley and FIFA CEO, Jerome Valcke.

Mr Lowy said the Australian delegation received a very warm reception from the FIFA President.

"President Blatter is already well aware of Australia's strong track record in hosting major events.

"But it was a very good opportunity for Mr Blatter to hear personally from the Prime Minister of the Government's support for the bid," Mr Lowy said.

"We also spoke of the importance of Asia for the future growth and development of football and Australia's place as part of the Asian Football Confederation."

"Asia is on the rise economically, in terms of goods and services as well as in football," he said.

Mr Lowy urged all Australians to get behind the bid.

"This bid is for football but, above all else, it is for Australia."

FFA will be required to make a final presentation to FIFA, football's world governing body, in December 2010 prior to a decision being made by the 24 man FIFA Executive Committee.

Individuals and organisations can join the bid by signing-up at www.australia2018-2022.com.au

FOOTBALL FEDERATION AUSTRALIA

DOUBLE IN REDS' 4-0 WIN OVER STATE TEAM

Two goals from midfielder Adam Hughes helped Adelaide United FC to a comfortable 4-0 win over the SA State Team at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Hughes struck in each half with young striker Francesco Monterosso opening the scoring in the 28th minute before defender Scott Jamieson capped off the dominant display with a scorcher from 30 metres late on.

The Reds were without eight players for the match, defensive pair Robert Cornthwaite and Daniel Mullen, Brazilians Cassio and Cristiano, new signings Lloyd Owusu and Shin In Sup, and midfielders Paul Reid and Fabian Barbiero all missing the match.

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THREE'S A CROWD IN BOOZ COMPANY CUP WIN

The Central Coast Mariners have scored three goals in eight minutes to win 3-0 and claim the Booz and Co. Cup, against a spirited Belconnen United side, who kept the yellow and navy scoreless for 68 minutes.

SHANGHAI CANCEL SYDNEY TRIP

Sydney FC announced that Chinese Super League team, Shanghai Shenhua, has advised it has withdrawn from the proposed match scheduled for the Sydney Football Stadium on Saturday, 25 July.

Shanghai Shenhua, which currently sits disappointingly in 6th position in the CSL at the mid-season break, cited concerns about the quality of squad it can bring to Australia as a result of five of its players having been called into the Chinese national team squad during July.

Meanwhile, a John Aloisi double has carried Sydney FC to an impressive 2-0 win on Sunday afternoon in its Hyundai A-League trial against the Newcastle Jets in Port Macquarie.

The victory stretches the Sky Blues' pre-season record to ten wins and a draw from eleven friendly outings, with the side yet to concede a goal in three trials against A-League opposition.

Next weekend when they play the last of their State League trials, against Sydney Olympic.

VPL STANDINGS

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong Thunder	17	11	5	1	32	15	38
South Melbourne	17	9	5	3	38	16	32
Altona Magic	17	9	3	5	26	23	30
Hume City	17	8	3	6	28	15	27
Green Gully Cavaliers	17	8	3	6	22	19	27
Sunshine Georgies	17	7	6	4	14	13	27
Oakleigh Cannons	17	7	5	5	19	14	26
Heidelberg Utd*	16	7	4	5	25	17	25
Melbourne Knights	17	6	4	7	20	17	19
Richmond	17	5	3	9	22	24	18
Whittlesea Zebras*	16	1	2	13	7	28	5
Preston Lions	17	1	1	15	10	62	4

VPL RESULTS

Richmond 1
(T Milardovic)

South Melbourne 3
(S Nunes F De Moraes S Petrovic)

Green Gully 1
(C Drake)

Altona Magic 2
(K Taseski A Fadljevic)

Dandenong Thunder 1

Sunshine Georgies 1

Melbourne Knights 2
(J Groenewald J Colosimo)

Hume City 1
(Z Petrevski)

Preston Lions 0

Oakleigh Cannons 1
(J Karpeh)

Heidelberg United*
v
Whittlesea Zebras
Playing tonight at Olympic Village, KO 8.30PM

ANDREW FISHER'S KISS OF DEATH - Round 18

Richmond Eagles v Oakleigh Cannons
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Fri 17 Jul KO 8:30PM

The Eagles can't buy a win at the moment. They have a striking resemblance to that of Hull City it last season's EPL. Like Hull, Richmond are fortunate that they had picked up enough points at the start of the season to ensure safety from relegation. Oakleigh will see this as a must win game to keep their finals chances alive. **AWAY WIN**

Last 5 Meetings: Oak 1-1 Rich (2009), Oak 1-1 Rich (2008), Rich 2-1 Oak (2008), Oak 2-1 Rich (2007), Rich 4-1 Oak (2007).

Altona Magic v Sunshine Georgies
Paisley Park Soccer
Sat 18 Jul KO 5:30PM

Just three points separate these sides coming into this fixture. Altona secured an important victory of the Cavaliers on Saturday, whist Sunshine came away from the Thunder with a hard fought point. Very tough to call this one, a point won't satisfy either team, but it looks like another draw between these two. **DRAW**

Last 5 Meetings: Sunshine 2-2 Altona (2009), Altona 0-0 Sunshine (2007), Sun 2-2 Altona (2007), Sun 1-2 Altona (2006), Altona 2-0 Sun (2006).

Preston Lions v Hume City
BT Connor Reserve
Sun 19 Jul KO 3:00PM

Earlier this season, Hume gave the Lions a smacking. Wouldn't bet against a similar result here. The Lions have improved immensely over the past few weeks, however Hume will be seething after letting a 1-0 lead turn into a loss late against the Knights. Beware Preston!. **HOME WIN**

Last 5 Meetings: Hume 6-0 Prest (2009), Prest 0-2 Hume (2008), Hume 1-4 Prest (2008), DNP

Melbourne Knights v Heidelberg Utd
Mansion Stadium
Sun 19 Jul KO 3:00PM

Melbourne Knights earned another scalp, when they scored two late goals to secure a surprise victory over the in-form Hume City. Heidelberg will be wary, after also succumbing to the Knights earlier in the year, in a match they were expected to win. Heidelberg must secure points from this match to be in contention for finals. **AWAY WIN**
Last 5 Meetings: Heid 0-1 Knights (2009), Knights 2-1 Heid (2008 Finals) Heid 0-1 Knights (2008), Knights 2-2 Heid (2008), Heid 0-1 Knights (2007).

Whittlesea Zebras v Dandenong Thunder
Epping Soccer Stadium
Sun 19 Jul KO 3:00PM

Top plays second bottom at Epping Stadium on Sunday. Leaders Dandenong have won just one in their past three fixtures, however their opponents have won just one in sixteen. Can't see anything but the Thunder returning back to the winners list. **AWAY WIN**

Last 5 Meetings:
Dand 2-1 Whit (2009), DNP

South Melbourne v Green Gully Cavaliers
Bob Jane Stadium
Sun 19 Jul KO 4:00PM

South Melbourne has closed the gap to just six points on league leaders Dandenong. They would still consider themselves a good chance to steal the minor championship, and their current form suggests they will give the Thunder a good run for their money. Gully have had a forgettable fortnight and will push for a positive result. **HOME WIN**

Last 5 Meetings: Gully 2-2 South (2009), Gully 1-0 South (2008), South 0-3 Gully (2008), Gully 0-0 South (2007), South 0-1 Gully (2007).

TOP SHOTS! errea

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Joseph Di Iorio - Dandenong Thunder 11
Osagie Ederaro - Heidelberg Utd 11
Goran Zoric - South Melbourne 10
Jerry Karpeh - Oakleigh Cannons 8
Zoran Petrevski - Hume City 8
Michael Curcija - Altona Magic 6
Fernando De Moraes - South Melbourne 6
Gianni De Nittis - South Melbourne 6
Greg Draper - Melbourne Knights 6
John Sapazovski - Sunshine Georgies 6

VPL UNDER 21 DETAILS

Richmond 1 South Melbourne 3, Green Gully Cavaliers 0 Altona Magic 0, Dandenong Thunder 0 Sunshine Georgies 2, Melbourne Knights 3 Hume City 1, Preston Lions 1 Oakleigh Cannons 2

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V.I.S	18	9	1	8	39	36	28
Melbourne Knights	19	9	1	9	28	28	28
Oakleigh Cannons	19	9	1	9	37	41	28
Sunshine Georgies	18	7	4	7	33	26	25
Altona Magic	18	5	7	6	18	18	22
Preston Lions	19	7	1	11	30	39	22
Whittlesea Zebras	17	5	2	10	26	30	17
Hume City	18	6	2	10	29	36	17
Dandenong Thunder	18	4	2	12	22	43	14

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GULLY MESMERISED BY MAGIC!

Champions Begin To Fire At Business End Of Season

GREEN GULLY CAVALIERS 1 - 2 ALTONA MAGIC

Altona Magic took a giant stride towards securing a finals birth with a gritty 2-1 victory away to the Green Gully Cavaliers at Green Gully Reserve.

Using the old cliché that this contest was a 'six pointer' for each club before a football was kicked was an understatement. Both the Cavaliers and the Magic were sitting precariously inside the top five in fourth and fifth position respectively, with a logjam of teams queuing outside ready to occupy their spot should either team falter. In addition, with only five rounds remaining, the Cavaliers have a series of tough games away from home in their quest to qualify for the finals, whilst the Magic knew a victory was essential if they were to have any serious chance of defending their championship at seasons end.

On the pitch, the Magic won the first battle before a ball was kicked winning the toss and took full advantage of a gale force wind. Altona started in perfect fashion with Adam Fadljevic capitalising on Green Gully's inability to clear the ball deep in their own half. Fadljevic intercepted a pass, advanced solo into the box and finished with a low strike past goalkeeper Steven Tilovski to find the opening goal for the Magic after five minutes.

Fadljevic found himself in the play again ten minutes later when he took a free kick that found an unmarked Doug Mladenovic six yards from goal. Mladenovic's header appeared goal bound, only for Tilovski to clear on the near post.

It was then a combination of youth and experience that rewarded the Magic with their second goal on the half hour mark. Adam Fadljevic's set piece found Michael Curcija twelve yards from goal. Curcija displayed all of his skill and experience by delivering a back heeled pass which threaded its way through two defenders and found Kliment Taseski on the edge of the penalty area. Taseski weaved his way around defender Steve Burton, advanced deep into the box and finished with another low strike past Tilovski from twelve yards.

Doug Mladenovic was unlucky not to add his name onto the scoresheet moments before halftime. Mladenovic fired in a corner which got a hold of the stiff wind and curled enough to beat a crowded goal line and keeper Steven Tilovski, but not the crossbar. Although the Magic went into the break with a comfortable two goal cushion, the question mark remained whether how much of their dominance in the first half was a result of the weather conditions.

The Cavaliers made best use of the conditions in the second half and should have scored moments after the restart, with forward Matthew Sanders firing wide in front of an open goal. This trend continued for the second half, whereby Green Gully failed to capitalise on their chances. Steve Burton's wind assisted cross found the woodwork, whilst headers from Joel Nikolic and Steve Burton only found side netting respectively.

Green Gully managed to peg a goal back and breathe life back into the contest with fifteen minutes remaining when a string of passes found defender Cameron Drake. Drake roamed forward and connected to a header which sailed across the face of goal from twelve yards and drifted into the top corner of the Magic net.

Although both teams took full advantage of the wind, the Magic began to control the game against the run of play and the weather conditions. Pece Siveski had the opportunity to seal all three points for the Magic when he was the recipient of a through ball that found the midfielder solo in front of goal from eighteen yards out, but was unable to finish. Fortunately for Siveski and the Magic, the chance did not come to haunt the Magic, as the visitors held on to a deserved and crucial victory minutes later.

Green Gully Coach Peter Ollerton was unavailable for comment, but his counterpart Vlado Tortevski was delighted with the result. "The comeback against Heidelberg two weeks ago demonstrated to me that we have improved the last couple of weeks and beginning to gel as a team, which showed here this afternoon. The conditions, especially the wind were terrible for football today and although both teams took advantage of the conditions each half, I thought we defended very well in the second half to hold off Green Gully. I hope that this momentum we have built now will translate into even better form at the end of the season. We want to test ourselves against big teams like Green Gully, qualify for the finals and prove ourselves against big opposition."

Green Gully face a tough assignment in their quest to keep in touch with the top five when they face South Melbourne at Bob Jane Stadium next Sunday, whilst the Magic will be looking to capitalise on their momentum and climb higher on the ladder when they host the Sunshine Georgies at Paisley Park Saturday evening.

Altona's Steve Laurie clears the lines against Gully on Saturday.

Gully's Pablo Cardozo is surrounded by Magic players.

Green Gully: S. Tilovski, S. Burton, D. Fak, C. Drake, J. Fleming, J. Adam, D. Ferreira (J. Nikolic 46'), R. Ollerton, P. Cardozo (K. Ivesic 77'), M. Sanders, A. Vargas (M. Medjedovic 86')

Scorers: Cameron Drake (75')
Yellow cards: Pablo Cardozo (50')
Red cards: Nil

Altona Magic: B. Jevdjevic, S. Laurie, D. Mladenovic, C. Anthopoulos, M. Curcija (M. Bojku 70'), P. Siveski, K. Taseski, A. Fadljevic (T. Saric 86'), P. Riccobene, S. Bozinovski, N. Kalmar (P. Cergovski 85'),

Scorers: Kliment Taseski (5'), Adam Fadljevic (30')
Yellow cards: Nil
Red cards: Nil

Venue: Green Gully Reserve
Crowd: 500
Man of the Match: Nicholas Kalmar (Altona Magic)

By Simon McCuskey

Photos by Daniel Flis

SOUTH SIZZLE AGAIN!

Eagles Look Towards Next Season

RICHMOND EAGLES 1 - 3 SOUTH MELBOURNE

Friday night saw the Victorian Premier League action resume with Richmond hosting South Melbourne.

A cold, but largely dry night awaited, with the flat pitch no hinderance to playing good football. Richmond handed a starting debut in central midfield to Tom Uskok, and welcomed the return from injury of Erhan Karahan at left-back. Danny Black came back into the side at right-back with Enes Sivic switched into the midfield. South Melbourne fielded the same starting eleven which thumped Whittlesea Zebras 4-0 in it's previous game.

The away side started the game well, Joeseph Youssef hitting over the bar from close range with a sharp chance when a cross to the far post bounced off Karahan and fell in front of him. After nine minutes Goran Zoric made a good run down the left. As he was tackled on the edge of the box the ball spilled forward to Francesco Stella who had a shot blocked and then had Peter Zois dive and stop the ball at his feet when he tried to round the goalkeeper after picking up the rebound.

From a Black ball forward two minutes later Steven O'Dor sought to shield the ball over the line for a goal kick when Milos Lujic got around him on the outside and went to ground when his arm was grabbed as he tried to keep the ball in play. Referee Lewis Guiseffi pointed to the spot, and Tom Milardovic stepped up to convert the penalty and give the Eagles the lead.

A long ball through the middle from Danny Black nearly put Lujic in on goal in the seventeenth minute, Tommi Tomich coming under heavy pressure and spilling the ball, leading to Lujic and Michael Catalano having shots blocked in the ensuing scramble.

After a long throw in the twenty-first minute Fernando De Moraes half-volleyed a shot wide when latching onto O'Dor's knockdown. It was a run down the left by South veteran Vaughn Coveny which lead to an equaliser in the thirty-third minute. Riding a last-ditch tackle from Stuart McCluskey he got to the line and pulled the ball back to Sebastian Petrovic who's looping strike floated over Zois and into the net.

Just five minutes later South turned their fortunes right around by taking the lead. A free-kick on the left was rolled by De Moraes to Coveny, who chipped the ball to the far post where an unmarked Shane Nunes was able to side-foot a volley back across the goal beyond Zois.

The away side held the upper-hand for the remainder of the first half, and maintained their 2-1 lead going into the break. Five minutes after play resumed Zois was forced into a double save, first from Zoric and then from De Moraes, when Stella pulled the ball square after a run down the right. A minute later Rama Tavsanciouglu had a shot deflected narrowly wide of the upright.

In the fifty-fifth minute a Terry Antoniadis flick-on from a long throw by Karahan bounced just over Catalano in the six-yard box. From the counter attack Stella and Petrovic exchanged passes before Stella shot wide.

Enes Sivic intercepted a wayward pass on the edge of the box but shot into Rhodri Payne. Zois then saved a long range free-kick by De Moraes in the sixty-second minute.

Richmond were steadily improving, a Lujic nod-down just a little too far ahead of Gary Wales to put him through and then good work from Karahan, Catalano and Lujic allowing Black to force a save from Tomich with a shot just inside the box.

In the seventy-first minute Coveny shot across the face of goal after getting the ball from Sam Torrens on the left. Black then shot wide for Richmond before a Tavsancioglu produced an excellent flying dive save from Zois.

A good run from Lujic on the left in the eighty-third minute was followed by a cross which found Wales at the far post, but the angle was too tight for him to get a shot away in the the South defence recovered to deal with the threat. On ninety minutes after a corner Catalano twice played the ball back into the penalty area. The second effort was headed on by Wales and Tavsancioglu's clearance saw Karahan intercept and head towards the rop corner of the goal from sixteen yards, denied by an amazing save from a backpedalling Tomich.

Four minutes into stoppage time a counter attack daw the ball switched out to Petrovic on the left, a simple ball inside giving De Moraes an easy finish to seal a 3-1 win. South continue their fight to secure second spot on the table with a home game against Green Gully next week. For Richmond their next attempt to reverse their recent form slump will be at Kevin Bartlett Reserve against Oakleigh Cannons on Friday night.

Richmond's Daniel Black tries to hold off South's Francescco Stella.

Man of the Match Seb Petrovic is stopped in his tracks by Eagles skipper Stuart McCluskey.

Richmond: P.Zois, D.Black (M.Eterovic 80'), E.Karahan, T.Antoniadis, S.McCluskey, G.Wales, E.Sivic (A.Viola 67'), T.Uskok (S.Wilson 69'), M.Catalano, T.Milardovic, M.Lujic.

Goal: Milardovic 12'
Yellow Cards: Milardovic 35' Karahan 93'

South Melbourne: T.Tomich, R.Payne, S.Nunes, S.O'Dor, V.Coveny, J.Youssef, F.Stella (S.Torrens 67'), R.Tavsancioglu, F. De Moraes, G.Zoric (Y.Yusuf 77'), S.Petrovic.

Goals: Petrovic 33' Nunes 38' Zoric 94'

Yellow Cards: None
Red Cards: None

Man of the Match:
Sebastian Petrovic (South Melbourne)

Venue: Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Crowd: 800

By Mark Boric

Photos by Peter Kakalias

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Georgies' Undefeated Run Survives Thunder Test

DANDENONG THUNDER 1 - 1 SUNSHINE GEORGIES

A hard working Sunshine Georgies outfit held League Leader Dandenong Thunder to a 1-1 draw at a wind-swept George Andrews Reserve on Saturday evening.

The windy conditions made life difficult for both keepers, playing a part in both goals which came from corner set pieces from the same corner.

The visitors received an early boost with a goal in the fourth minute. Thunder keeper Stuart Webster misjudged the flight of the corner cross, coming and missing a ball which found Sunshine defender Chris Konstans at the far post, for a free header into an unguarded net.

Thunder almost replied immediately when Colin Quirk's free kick rattled the Sunshine cross bar. But it was the visitors bouyed by the early goal and the wind who made the early running.

Around the 20th minute mark, the home team raised the tempo of their game and began to surge forward. Right midfielder Jack Hingert gave Thunder width in attack, whilst Quirk and Joe DiIorio gave the home side plenty of possession through the middle. A Veton Korcari header from close range went straight to Georgies' keeper Martin John.

John was again in the right position to somehow get a hand on Quirk's goal bound drive from a Hingert cut back.

Against the wind in the second half, the Georgies changed formation opting for a single striker with speedy midfielders out wide in support. John was again the busier of the two keepers in this half, and in the 69th minute, he too fell victim to the treacherous wind when a Marcus Stergiopoulos corner cleared everyone and snuck in at the far post. It was now all hands on deck for the Georgies as the Thunder pushed forward with a gale at their backs. The wind caught John's goal kicks and dropped them well inside the Sunshine half. John saved well from another Korcari header but was finally beaten when DiIorio turned his marker and put the ball in the net. However the Thunder fans'celebrations turned to disbelief and protest when the linesman ruled an offside infringement.

Thunder went close again when a Hingert shot struck the base of the post with John pouncing on the rebound. After the final whistle, the Georgies players saluted their travelling bad of loyal supporters as they walked off the pitch.

Sunshine coach Andy O'Dell commented afterwards, " From being one of the pre-season favourites for relegation, to unbeaten for 11 games, a fantastic effort. Up against the odds today against Dandenong. An intimidating place, very windy but we showed great character, great result. We had a bit of luck, but 11 games unbeaten with six to go. It'll be a great bonus if we get into the five."

Thunder coach Stuart Munro said after the game, " We didn't give ourselves the best possible start conceding an early goal especially against a team such as Sunshine that don't give a lot away…I think overall a draw's a fair result. We probably had a bit more of the game. But it wasn't a good night for football. We'll take the draw and we'll stay undefeated at home which is what we want, and we'll move on."

The Georgies get the runs on the board early after Chris Konstas scores with four minutes of play gone.

Dandenong:
Webster. S., Hingert, J., Bailey, S., Osman, L.Rexhepi, S., Wilford, A, Quirk, C.(Clapham, A. 72'), Davidson, R., Stergiopoulos, M. Korcari, V., DiIorio, J.

Scorer: Stergiopoulos 69'

Sunshine:

John, M., Schwal. N, Clancy, J., Wallace, W. Konstans, C., Kearney, A., Richards, F. (Koutsoupias P. 74'), Papadopoulos, G. (Cogger, B. 70'), , Hooks, N., Webster, J., Sapazovski, J. (Hatzimouratis, D. 27')

Scorer: Konstans 4'

Man of Match: Martin John

By George Stogiannou

Photo by George Stogiannou

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CANNONS ON THE FRINGE

Karpeh Keeps Cannons On Verge Of Five

PRESTON LIONS 0 - 1 OAKLEIGH CANNONS

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Cannons:1 Cagalj, Adrian P , 5 Rosman, Felix, 6 Drakos, Stelios, 17 Franjic, Ivan, 13 Damianos, Billy, 20 Drakos, Aristidis, 7 Waterson, Trent, 10 Diaco, Ricky76, 15 Hatzikostas, Stephen, 24 Kozic, Josip73, 14 Karpeh, Jerry87

By Dom Burton

Photos by Nome Risteski

VPL action from the Cannons' 1-0 win against Preston Lions at Connor

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HANGING BY A THREAD!

Tonight At Olympic Village, KO 8.30PM

HEIDELBERG UNITED V WHITTLESEA ZEBRAS

Tonight (Monday) sees Heidelberg Warriors take on Whittlesea Zebras at the Olympic Village in a game the home side will be desperate to come away with maximum points if it entertains any notion of playing finals football this season.

Having taken just two points from its previous three outings, Heidelberg hosts a Zebras outfit who have lost five games on the trot since defeating Preston Lions 2-1 in Round 11.

Heidelberg will be smarting after letting a three goal advantage & two points evaporate in as many minutes late on last week against Altona Magic, whereas the Zebras suffered a heavy 4-0 defeat at the hands of South Melbourne in its last game. In their previous meeting this season, Heidelberg ran out 1-0 winners over Whittlesea, courtesy of a goal by Dennis Alilovic just before half-time.

The Zebras have had a wretched season, with many off the pitch issues having played a role in their on field results & showings. Despite the signing of former Socceroo Ange Postecoglou as senior coach earlier in the season, the results hoped for have not been forthcoming for the eleventh-placed team. Although they have played some good football in patches and been competitive in many games, they boast only the one victory for the season – that against the bottom-placed Lions.

The Heidelberg team has proven to be an enigma this season. Footballing pundits have remarked that at times they have played perhaps some of the best passing game seen this season, and yet remains outside the top five with six games to play. Many observers feel they could well figure prominently come finals time, and with a win against Whittlesea could sneak back into fifth spot at the end of the round.

The key to this game would seem to be the battle for midfield supremacy. For the home side, reigning VPL Gold Medallist Graham Hockless will need to provide the spark along with skipper Tony Ouliaris. Joint competition top scorer Osagie Ederaro & fellow forward Mark Tsiorlas will need to shake of the stubborn Zebras' defence led by Ross Antoniadis & Stefan Piorkowski. One feels that the Heidelberg side, on paper at least, should have enough class to overcome a determined Whittlesea outfit.

The match kicks off at 8:30pm tonight (Monday, July 13) at the Olympic Village, with the U/21's match scheduled for a 6:30pm kick-off.

By John Fotinos

Photos by John Punshon

Berger fans will be looking towards Gold Medalist Graham Hockless to recapture last season's form in a quest for a finals berth.

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ASHY IGNITES FINALS HOPES

Lions Notches Second Win For The Season

A much abbreviated Round 12 of the WPL featured only two games over the weekend, with Ashburton hosting South Melbourne and Preston Lions meeting GRFA.

The match between Bendigo Vipers and Casey Comets was postponed, due to the involvement of Bendigo players in the National Championships, and it will now take place on July 22. The round's other game, between Sandringham and Heidelberg, is scheduled for Monday night.

Ashburton boosted its chances of making the finals, and recorded its second successive victory, with a 2-0 triumph over South Melbourne at Ashburton Park on Sunday. The win, its fifth of the season, kept it in fifth position on the ladder, but it is now only one point behind South, which lies fourth. Christine Pfeiffer scored the first goal midway through the first half, with Seyma Erenli doubling the home side's advantage shortly before the end of the game. The victory could prove significant, as the battle for the top four looks like being between six teams, and so points garnered in games against other potential finalists become even more valuable.

Preston Lions recorded its second victory of the season, defeating GRFA 2-0 at BT Connor Reserve on Sunday. Both victories have come against the same opposition, with Preston also running out 3-1 winners back in Round 3. Kirstie Shearing was the difference between the two sides, scoring a goal in each half to claim the three points for the home side. Preston remains seventh on the ladder, but it has now put significant daylight between it and the bottom two sides, as it is now seven points ahead of GRFA. It is, however, unlikely to make up enough ground to mount a late challenge for the finals, as it is still five points behind sixth-placed Sandringham. It could prove a tough opponent for those teams in finals contention, and should play a significant role in determining who is involved in September action.

Round 13 should see the competition return to a full set of matches, with all games taking place on Sunday afternoon. The game of the round takes place at Olympic Village, when Heidelberg United hosts Box Hill Inter at 1pm. Depending on the result of United's game against Sandringham on Monday night, it could usurp Inter at the top of the ladder, and so there is much at stake in this match. Heidelberg will also be keen to avenge its 4-0 drubbing at the hands of Inter back in Round 4, while Inter will be eager to win, to get its campaign back on track after its defeat to South in its last outing. In other games, Casey Comets takes on Sandringham at Comets Stadium, while South Melbourne and Preston Lions meet in Albert Park. Finally, at Quay Reserve, GRFA and Bendigo Vipers play off, in a game that will go a long way to determining which side will be relegated from the WPL.

By Niki Cook

Photos by John Punshon

Ashburton's Annabelle Gibney (left) and Christine Pfeiffer try to head the ball while South Melbourne's Mel Aloisio tries a kick.

Ashburton defender Rosie Bureta is too good on this occasion for South Melbourne forward Aimee Benton.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter	10	8	0	2	36	11	24
Heidelberg Utd	9	7	1	1	23	9	22
Casey Comets	10	6	1	3	28	12	19
South Melb	11	6	1	4	23	19	19
Ashburton	11	5	3	3	29	14	18
Sandringham	9	5	0	4	20	13	15
Preston Lions	11	2	4	5	15	28	10
GRFA	11	1	0	10	8	51	3
Bendigo Vipers	10	0	2	8	3	28	2

WPL RESULTS

Preston Lions 2 (KM Shearing 2)
GRFA 0

Ashburton 2 (C Pfeiffer A Erenli)
South Melbourne 0

WPL ROUND 13

Heidelberg Utd v Box Hill Inter
Olympic Park (Village)
Sun 19 Jul KO 1:00PM

Bye v Ashburton
Sun 19 Jul KO 1:00PM

Casey Comets v Sandringham
Comets Stadium
Sun 19 Jul KO 1:00PM

South Melbourne v Preston Lions
Albert Park Field 13
Sun 19 Jul KO 1:00PM

GRFA v Bendigo Vipers
Quay Reserve
Sun 19 Jul KO 3:00PM

RESERVES

Preston Lions 1 (ER Psaila)
GRFA 0, Ashburton 2 South Melbourne 0

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Nationals Get Underway

The next generation of potential Westfield Matildas will be on show in Coffs Harbour from this weekend at the Westfield National Youth Championships for Girls 2009.

There will be 318 players from the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Northern NSW, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia competing at the annual tournament at BCU International Stadium in Coffs Harbour.

MacKenzie At Large

An Occasional Offering from Craig MacKenzie

Gambling with safety

FRANKSTON Pines can't stay out of the news. Now the State One outfit is scratching its head in disbelief at Football Federation Victoria's refusal of its request last week to change the kick-off times of its remaining Saturday home games from 7pm to 3pm.

Pines recently had a season-ending suspension overturned on appeal and had a $3000 fine imposed for club misconduct charges arising out of spectator trouble against St Albans Dinamo three weeks ago. St Albans was fined $7000 and deducted nine league points. I understand that Dinamo will pursue an appeal through Football Federation Australia.

Believing that they had identified the parties involved in the spectator clash Pines wanted to switch to the regular afternoon kick-off to lessen the chances of those parties attending their remaining home matches.

But they struck an impenetrable barrier in the form of a commercial decision taken by FFA on behalf of its state and territory federations.

That decision, to enter into an agreement with pools giant Littlewoods, has locked Pines into a 7pm kick-off for at least its next two home games until the British season gets underway in early August.

FFV competitions manager Mariela Pena last week informed Pines that her department was unable to accede to the fixture change request citing the danger of FFV being in breach of contract.

Soccer Pools as we know it here is not an issue as its match listings regularly involve Saturday and Sunday fixtures and it's a simple numbers game where six correct numbers wins the first division prize.

However, things are different at Littlewoods where a vast range of more exotic football bets are available.

Imagine the scenario whereby Pines is listed as a Littlewoods' match with a kick-off at 7pm Australian Eastern Standard Time.

Let's say that Littlewoods suspends betting on this game at 6pm. To have the match suddenly re-arranged to the 3pm timeslot is a potential logistics headache for the gambling giant and not the best customer relations venture when punters try and have a flutter on a game for which betting was suspended at, say, 2pm.

But there's another angle to all of this and it's one that does not portray FFA in a favourable light. Okay, we all understand that a commercial decision was entered into to add to the sport's revenue base through an association with gambling but that same commercial decision now takes precedence over what Pines see as a health and safety issue.

Pines strongly believe that they are acting in the best interests of the game by changing the kick-off time and I can see their point.

I also can see the bind that FFV is in through no fault of its own.

Monterey mites

TOM O'Halloran's level three senior coaching badge comes in handy at Monterey Reserve where it doubles as childminding accreditation.

And there's no doubt that childminding pays higher rates than the head coaching gig at the Pines!

It's fair to say that when O'Halloran accepted the senior job for the 2009 season he had firmly clasped what most others viewed as a poisoned chalice.

But despite the trials and tribulations of what has been a tumultuous season, O'Halloran hasn't lost his sense of humour.

At the recent appeals hearing which overturned season-ending suspensions to Pines and St Albans Dinamo, O'Halloran met the St Albans president.

"I told him that his club had more people at the appeal hearing than we had financial members," said O'Halloran.

That's not just funny, it's true. In fact it was serious cash flow problems (a fancy term for near crippling debt) that forced Pines to revamp its thinking regarding player payments this season.

The only way forward for the club was, with a handful of exceptions, to rely on youth and the player statistics from this season tell the tale of just how far the club went with such a policy.

Of the 42 players for the senior and reserve squads just two are over 21 and 29 players have had senior experience this season.

Just one out of the 42 players is yet to play at either senior or reserve level.

The old farts in the first team are Lee Vallance and Andrew Skledar. Vallance at 29 is the oldest in the crèche while Skledar must surely be eyeing retirement at 24.

Yet the Monterey mites have twice squared off this season against championship contender Northcote and remain unbeaten, both games ending in draws.

I didn't have the heart to tell O'Halloran but when I watched Pines' first round clash with the mighty Bentleigh Greens at Kingston Heath Soccer Complex I expected a goal avalanche for the home side.

It didn't happen, in fact in 11 of Pines' first 12 games this season the seniors have gone in at half-time with a 0–0 scoreline and are yet to lose two games in a row.

While relegation looms large all is not yet lost and it would be one of the stories of the season if O'Halloran and his kids were somehow able to cling on to their Division One status.

When will Blasby learn?

PETER Blasby made his senior debut for Mornington in its 2–0 Provisional One away win against Old Scotch a fortnight back.

Pick yourselves up off the floor, grab the paper and read on.

Yes, it's the same Peter Blasby who played with Melbourne Croatia and Heidelberg Alexander among others, the 58-year-old shadow of his former self, he of the Ministry of Silly Walks with a one-time penchant for chasing manager's daughters around hotel kitchens while wearing nothing but an infamous galoot's grin.

The old bloke even had the temerity to phone me a few days before the game to tell me that he was nervous.

Nervous? Of the outcome of the match? Of the paramedics' ability to revive him?

It gets worse for those of us with the misfortune of bumping into him from time to time.

You see up until that game Mornington had not kept a clean sheet this season.

And I can hear the big plonker crowing about that right now.

I thought of potential headlines for the event along the lines of Old Scotch v Old Mornington but Gus Macleod at Langwarrin came up with a better one: Old Scotch v Old Pom.

But from what Mornington senior coach Adam Jamieson told me last week it certainly will be a one-off.

"Yeah, the keeper I had in a couple of weeks back got sent off and my other keeper had to go to Swan Hill for a wedding so we drafted in Blas as a last resort," said Jamieson.

And how did the long streak of misery go?

"Mate, it was fun and games alright. Look, he did pretty well to tell you the truth. He came out and punched a few balls which even some keepers around today won't do. Movement to the left or right was a bit of a problem but his communication was great as usual and overall he did well."

You have no idea how difficult it is to write such words of praise. There's blood seeping from my fingernails as I type.

Thanks for nothing, Adam!

Les Shorrock's award winning picture of Peter Blasby. Les Shorrock collection, Deakin University Library

FFV's firewall

THERE'S a firewall around FFV's new website launched the other week.

No, it's not designed to keep out hackers. This firewall is in the form of a dearth of direct phone numbers to contact the various FFV employees at Darebin International Sports Centre.

The who's who section of the old FFV website listed the employees by title but more importantly also listed their direct numbers.

That no longer is the case as selecting corporate/contacts gives you one landline phone number: 9474 1800.

You then have to sift through a menu to get to where you hope to go which is not as user-friendly as knowing direct numbers.

The old set-up surely was of more benefit to customers and stakeholders alike than the current set-up which distances FFV employees from the football world they work in and for.

Shorrock collection

FORMER Age and Soccer Action photographer Les Shorrock contacted me last week to tell me that Deakin University has finally posted some of his work on its digital repository.

There were just nine photos posted when I checked last Friday but it's a start. I believe that close to 10,000 photos are part of the Les Shorrock Collection and it's hoped that most of them will be digitised.

Kristen Thornton, Special Collections Librarian at Deakin, contacted Shorrock last week with the news that the big man from the Potteries has been waiting to hear for some time.

Shorrock's Collection is spectacular. It is a photographic record of the history of the Australian game in the back half of last century.

Writing this piece has reminded me of some of my favourite Shorrock shots. A shot of some Melbourne Croatia goalkeeper in full flight springs to mind as does the moment that wee George Campbell broke his leg at Middle Park.

Shorrock was interstate covering a World Youth Cup game years ago when trouble erupted after the match involving players and spectators. Shorrock sank to his knees in the midst of the mayhem and kept snapping. He took a stunning shot of an Argentinian youth player spitting on him.

And some of the funniest shots he ever took were on Rothmans Medal nights when the drink was flowing and egos were glowing.

Go to **www.deakin.edu.au/dro/collection/DU:30016540** and let's hope that many more photos are posted in coming weeks.

Socceroo Jimmy Rooney, England international Trevor Cherry and two Australian nationals. One of the photos posted as part of Deakin University's Les Shorrock Collection.

With Mark Boric

BOO'S WORLD

Melbourne Knights have become the first VPL club to have points deducted for a coach's verbal abuse towards the match officials. A very harsh punishment on the club for one person's actions I would think. What would the punishment have been had he headbutted him?

Is it a rude (or Ruud) question to ask who will the second Melbourne A-League team have as coach? And should I call them Melbourne Heart even though they won't be called that or do I stick with typing "second Melbourne A-League team" every time I refer to them?

Whilst on speculation, how many teams will be competing in the Victorian Premier League next season? I'm hearing a few rumours of expansion. Also a team with Whittlesea in their name is in the relegation places, and it seems that unlike Monica Lewinsky, they never go down.

Fulham beat Mebourne Victory 3-0 in front of a reasonable crowd considering the steep ticket prices and the fact that the game clashed with Bavarian Night at Richmond SC...

There is set to be some tension in the Los Angeles Galaxy dressing room when David Beckham returns after Landon Donovan labelled him a bad captain and stingy in a new book.
Maybe some things he picked up under Sir Alex Ferguson may come into play, I wouldn't be suprised if boots went flying around the room.

Never underestimate the power of the Katsa's Korner column. It is only when he started mentioning the West Gate Bridge as a place for depressed people to congregate at that the suicide prevention barriers were erected, thirty years after it was built. What further infastructure projects can we get him to bring about?

Conversely Ryan Davidson appearing in Football Focus was a massive slap in the face of this column's campaign to have Shane Rexhepi as the next Dandenong Thunder featured in that page. So to give Rexi the recognition he deserves, each week I will be taking a quick look at his old Richmond player profile. This week it's Date of Birth: 30/12/1986. So close to New Year's Eve.

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Not even the Melbourne Wheel was safe from Katsa's curse...

With George Katsamboukas

KATSA'S KORNER

The Scorer called me last week and he has handed in his resignation, as he claims that he can no longer justify his position with only 3 wickets falling in 17 Rounds of the VPL.

I talked him out of it though, and have changed his job description, he now adds up the number of fines handed out from the House of Darebin to misbehaving Players, Spectators and Club Powerbrokers.

A landmark decision was handed out a fortnight ago where St Albans and the Frankston Pines were suspended from competition in Season 2009, after some argy bargy between the two, at Frankston, one cold Saturday evening.

The decision was over turned on Appeal; the original decision though highlights the House of Darebin's intention of having a violence free competition.

Foxtel's Football Super Star enters its final leg this week, where one lucky youngster will be given the opportunity to work closely with Ernie and Co at the Melbourne Victory.

The Football Superstar House was "penetrated" last week, where a group of young Lassies visited the Ernie hopefuls.

There was a sad end for the young lads though after pictures were taken of what occurred on the night, and they were certainly punished for it on the training track.
Moral to the story?
Keeps your friends close, and your friends with Camera Phones, Further!

Back to the House of Darebin we go, where during the week, the good folk there released the new look, FFV Web Site.

It's a great improvement on the previous version!

The various leagues now enter the money end of things over the next few weeks, where the men will be separated from the boys.

For a few Clubs, the chase is on to win a title, and for other clubs, to avoid the dreaded drive to the Westgate come September.

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Tuesday 14th July
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Krylia vs Rubin

Thursday 16th July
3:55am Pre-Season Friendly
St Gallen vs Liverpool LIVE

10:45am Copa Libertadores Final 2nd Leg
Teams TBC LIVE

Saturday 18th July
7:55pm Russian Premier League Teams TBC LIVE
11:55pm Pre-Season Friendly Teams TBC LIVE

Sunday 19th July
1:55am All Ireland Qualifiers LIVE
6:55am CONCACAF Gold Cup Qtr Final 1
Teams TBC LIVE
9:55am CONCACAF Gold Cup Qtr Final 2
Teams TBC LIVE
7:55pm Russian Premier League Teams TBC LIVE
10pm Ulster Football Senior Final
Antrim vs Tyrone LIVE

Monday 20th July
12:30am Connacht Football Senior Final
Galway vs Mayo LIVE
3:10am Pre-Season Friendly
Rapid Vienna vs Liverpool LIVE
5:55am CONCACAF Gold Cup Qtr Final 3
Teams TBC LIVE
9am CONCACAF Gold Cup Qtr Final 4 Teams
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Tuesday 21st July
4:40am Pre-Season Friendly Teams TBC LIVE
10:45am League of Ireland Teams TBC
6pm Masters Cup Yorkshire Masters

Wednesday 22nd July
4:40am Pre-Season Friendly Teams TBC LIVE

Thursday 23rd July
4:40am Pre-Season Friendly Teams TBC LIVE

FOOTBALL QUOTES

'I think I have the best side I've ever had now. We've a nice blend of old 'uns and youngsters. I think I've got the mucus of a good team.'
Dick Duckworth, Scunthorpe manager

'Allegations are all very well but I would like to know who these alligators are.'
Ron Saunders

'He hit the post, and after the game people are going to say, well, he hit the post.' - **JIMMY GREAVES**
'The Croatians don't play well without the ball.' - **BARRY VENISON**

'He never fails to hit the target. But that was a miss.' **- BOBBY ROBSON**

'Hearts are now playing with a five man back four.' **- ALAN MCINALLY**

'And you don't score 118 goals in 120 games by missing from there.'
- JON CHAMPION

'...and tonight we have the added ingredient of Kenny Dalglish not being here'
- MARTIN TYLER

'They're playing a 4-4-1-1-1 formation' - **FRANK STAPLETON**

'He doesn't know how to spell the word give up' **- PAUL WADE**

'He had all the time in the world to kill a few seconds' **- PAUL WADE**

'All the colors of the world should be lovin' each other wholeheartedly.
Yes it's alright,take my message to your brother and tell him twice.
Spread the word who tried to teach the man who is hatin' his brother, when hate won't do.
'Cause we're all the same, yes the blood inside of me is inside of you.
Now tell me!
Can you feel it, can you feel it, can you feel it!
Can you see what's going down?
You can feel it in your bones.
- Michael Jackson

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FULL NAME: Jeff Fleming
BIRTHPLACE: Christchurch, New Zealand
BIRTH DATE: 8/9/79
HEIGHT: 1.82
WEIGHT: 79kg
MARRIED: Yes
CAR: Audi
OCCUPATION OUTSIDE OF FOOTBALL: Manager, Sports coaching business
NICKNAME: Kiwi
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Canterbury United
REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS: New Zealand National Team
CHILDHOOD FOOTBALL HERO: John Barnes
FAVOURITE O/S PLAYER: Steven Gerard
FAVOURITE VPL PLAYER: Andy Vargas
FAVOURITE FORMER SOCCEROO: Andrew Marth
FAVOURITE CURRENT SOCCEROO: Tim Cahill
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A PLAYER: Making my debut for New Zealand vs Malaysia
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A FAN: New Zealand VS Iraq at Confeds cup
MOST MEMORABLE GOAL YOU'VE SCORED: Header against Preston
EARLIEST FOOTBALL MEMORY: My first game as a 5year old (Scored 3)
FUNNIEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Playing with Dean Fak & Zoran Markovski, also seeing New Zealand celebrating a draw at Confeds Cup.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not playing in Europe
WORST INJURY: Osteitis Pubis
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Steve Martin
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Bob Jane
SUPERSTITIONS: Tie left laces first
TYPICAL MATCH DAY MEAL: Sandwich, Pasta
WHAT ARE YOUR STRENGTHS: Heading, Shooting, Dribbling, Passing
WHAT ARE YOUR WEAKNESSES: Heading, First Touch
FAVOURITE TEAM WHEN GROWING UP: Liverpool
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Cricket, Golf, most sports
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTSPERSON: Roger Federer
FAVOURITE FOODS: Roast Lamb, Chocolate
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Cambpell Banks
HOBBIES: Golf
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Fiji
FAVOURITE NIGHTSPOT: At Home with family
IDEAL DATE: Going out for dinner with Wife
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Entourage, NCIS, Super Natural
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Pop, Rock
FAVOURITE FILM: Step Brothers
LAST SOCCER SHIRT YOU BOUGHT: Liverpool
FUNNIEST RUMOUR YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT YOURSELF: I was going to leave Green Gully
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Parents
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Some of the grounds we play on
FOOTBALL AMBITION: To play for as long as possible
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? : Lance Armstrong
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RACE FOR A FINALS PLACE!

Chris Aloi's Club By Club Analysis Of The Home Stretch In the VPL

As the 2009 VPL season rumbles closer to the finals series, a log-jammed table makes for a drama packed final four rounds of action.

Just five points separate second placed South Melbourne and seventh placed Sunshine, with the stage set for an exciting final month.

Goal!Weekly's Chris Aloi takes a brief look at each team as they embark on the home stretch in their quest for finals football.

Dandenong Thunder enjoy an eight point lead atop the table, and have laid down the challenge to the rest of the competition from day one. In the club's first season in the top flight since 1998, the Thunder have lost just once and boast a talented squad with a great balance of high-quality experienced players and a clutch of talented, exciting youth which has burst onto the VPL scene.

They should comfortably finish first and have a favourable draw for the last month of the season, which includes home matches against Richmond and Melbourne Knights plus an away fixture at bottom side Preston. The one to beat.

South Melbourne are in second place have one of the strongest squads in the competition that should definitely make the finals after a season through which they have improved. They'll need to play well over the last month as they're up against Hume City at home and away to Altona on the run home but will be a real premiership contender if they can win those key matches and finish in the top two.

The 2008 Premiers **Altona Magic** have been quietly picking up points along the way and after a slow start to their title defence sit third on the table. Aside from hosting South Melbourne, the Magic meet no other side currently in the top five though away games at Melbourne Knights and Oakleigh might test them. Should play finals football but could be one to drop if they fail to get decent results.

Since installing Andy Vlahos as playing coach, **Hume City** have been a dangerous opponent in the second half of the season and could be a premiership bolter. Sitting fourth, they still have some work to do to ensure a spot in the finals and are away to South Melbourne this weekend, but finish the season with consecutive home matches against Richmond and Oakleigh giving them every opportunity of booking their spot in the final five.

Heidelberg United have occupied the top four for much of the season, but find themselves at risk of missing finals after losing at the weekend. The Warriors have three of their last four matches at home, but have sides beneath them snapping at their heels, so they need to make sure of them. They face Dandenong at home in the last round of the season, and will want to have made sure of their place in the finals before that.

Green Gully are another side who have made a coaching change during the season, their place in the finals hinges on three consecutive away games coming up, two of those against Hume City and Heidelberg. The Cavaliers have been good in patches this season and they can hurt teams on their day but need to lift to make finals.

Sunshine Georgies coach Andy O'Dell has built a team who have not given an inch this season, grinding out hard-earned points away and giving visiting sides to Chaplin reserve a real battle. They have a decent run home with matches against bottom sides Preston and Whittlesea coming up, wins in those matches could see the Georgies sneak into the finals in their return to the VPL this season. A real chance.

Oakleigh Cannons can still make the finals but need to lift considerably if they are to get there. The Cannons got on the end of a 3-0 scoreline against Richmond at the weekend which would not have done much for their confidence. In their favour is hosting their next three matches but are it will be tough from here, meeting South Melbourne, Altona and away to Hume City on the final day of the season.

The **Melbourne Knights** haven't had the season that the Somers St faithful would've hoped for but after beating Heidelberg yesterday have won two in a row and go into the home stretch with confidence. They travel to Dandenong next week and also meet Altona and host local rivals Sunshine before the season is through. A three point deduction doesn't help the Knights' cause. Still a mathematical chance but would need a massive turnaround in fortunes from here on in.

Richmond Eagles started the season well but lost five in a row before beating Oakleigh at the weekend. Still a mathematical possibility but with 21 points after 18 rounds they have a huge task ahead of them and would need a lot of other results to go their way. The Eagles travel to Dandenong this weekend and if they became the first team to win there this season it may spur them to an unlikely appearance in the finals but the chances of that appear remote.

Preston Lions and Whittlesea Zebras have had seasons to forget, the bottom placed pair assured of relegation to State League 1 next year with both clubs suffering off-field issues as well as on the scoreboard throughout the season.

However, if either side show some late season fight and pick up some unlikely points they could be crucial to shaping the top five.

PINES WON'T GIVE IN

Plenty Of Fight Left In Morris-Thomas

WITH a surname more aligned with the demographics of Toorak than Frankston North, Matt Morris-Thomas revels in playing regular senior football for Frankston Pines and his attitude typifies the working class ethic entrenched in that part of Melbourne.

"We'll fight to the end, make no mistake about that," is his blunt response to the question of whether Pines can avoid relegation from State One.

"We're proud of our achievements this season. We've got the youngest squad in the league by a mile but we never give up and no-one has played us off the park. No-one.

"We just need to string together a couple of wins and you never know what might happen."

There's a refreshing resilience to his tone given the club's league standing but it wasn't always so. Push the rewind button and skip to pre-season training and that was when Morris-Thomas was asking himself some serious questions about the club's prospects.

"To be honest with you there was a time there when I was thinking we looked like we were going to get smashed but when we cut players and settled the squad we started to look okay."

Then there's glowing praise for senior coach Tom O'Halloran.

"Yeah, Tommy's done really well. Fitness is a big thing with him and tactically he's very good. We're a pretty well organised side and it's just a matter of some of the young guys coming out of their shells."

He's allowed to say that. He's all of 19 years old which places him in the older bracket when compared to so many of his teammates.

His coach is an unabashed fan, calling the teenager "a very talented young player, one of the best that Pines have."

O'Halloran likes the youngster's quick feet but wants Morris-Thomas's aerobic fitness to reach much higher levels. "I'd love him to become a box-to-box player," says the coach.

Morris-Thomas is Pines' longest-serving player having started with the club as a five-year-old. Under coach Michael Rudski he played in the championship-winning under-11 and under-12 sides and he describes Rudski as "good fitness-wise and good on formation and shape."

Back then Morris-Thomas was a central midfielder and it's where he's played most of his career, however, he's been mainly used up front this year.

"Look, I'll play wherever Tommy wants me to play. I love playing in midfield but if I'm needed up front then that's okay."

He surely is one of the youngest ever players to play at under-21 level making his debut in the Pines reserves when he was just 12.

Adam Jamieson was reserves coach back then and Stan Webster was in charge of the seniors. And the youngster had a dream debut, scoring the winner against Oakleigh reserves. It's a goal that's etched in his memory.

"We didn't have enough players so they gave me a go. It was 0–0 with five minutes to go when our goalkeeper played a long ball and I ran onto it. I took a touch then hit it into the bottom right-hand corner for the winner.

Talented Frankston Pines teenager Matt Morris Thomas prepares to take on an opponent at Monterey Reserve. Photo: DARRYL KENNEDY.

"At the end of that season Stan took me aside and told me that if I wanted to test myself it would be better if I moved on. Michael Rudski knew the under-13 coach at South Melbourne so I went there and we won the under-13 Super League that season.

"It was difficult to get used to at first. The coach didn't speak much English but his son was the captain and also the interpreter. They used me as a central midfielder and I played every week which was great."

The following season Jamieson still was reserves coach and asked Morris-Thomas to return to Pines. The youngster played in the reserves and the under-14s that season.

"I was on the bench for the reserves at first but I worked my way into the side. We finished midtable which was a pretty good effort for such a young team."

In the 2007 season, Morris-Thomas made some first team appearances coming off the bench. There was little change last season and seeing little progress towards achieving his aim of establishing himself in the seniors he started to think long and hard about switching clubs.

Jamieson had taken over as senior coach, guiding Pines into Premier League for the 2008 season only to be replaced part of the way into last season by Dougie Hodgson.

"Look, Adam's a good coach. I've got no complaints other than there were times on a Thursday night at training when I would be told that I'd probably be starting only to turn up on the Saturday to find out that I wasn't. That's the only issue I've got. I kept getting told that we needed to fight relegation and we needed to use experienced players.

"Doug's a very good coach but he was pretty much the same when it came to preferring experienced players. The way we trained and the way he talked was excellent. He takes no shit from anyone. He's also very good tactically in fact he's very professional in the way he goes about things.

"I spoke to Doug a couple of times about my situation. He told me that I was young and that I had to be patient. He said he'd had to face the same thing himself and he told me to work harder and my time would come."

Although that time is now it has arrived amid much turmoil.

Upheaval beset the club during the off-season, sparked by a major debt burden. A mass player exodus ensued and the committee was in limbo until Morris-Thomas' mother, Dianne, stepped into the breach as president.

Pines opened this season with a mountain to climb facing title challenger Bentleigh Greens at Kingston Heath Soccer Complex. Morris-Thomas played a lone hand up front that night in a losing side and he's honest enough to admit that there were times when his work rate let him down.

"Tommy kept telling us to stick to our game plan which was basically to soak up their pressure then get at them quickly on counter attacks. I was isolated up front and I was disappointed with my work rate. They would hold the ball at the back and make me run and it felt like I was doing doggies most of the night."

It was different the following week at home when O'Halloran used two up front and Morris-Thomas was more comfortable with some support.

"We're young and we're quick and we've been creating chances most of the season but just not taking them."

As if the weekly challenge of facing experienced and more physical opponents was not enough, a bombshell was dropped a few weeks back when Pines were found guilty of misconduct charges and suspended for the remainder of the season. It's an experience Morris-Thomas is in no hurry to relive.

"Generally speaking as players we steer clear of all the politics and mum doesn't really talk to me about any of that stuff anyway. But when we turned up to training that Thursday (after the Wednesday night tribunal decision) we were all in shock when we were told.

"We were all pretty down and confused about the whole thing. But we still trained. Tommy just told us that the club would fight the decision and we just had to keep thinking that we'd get back into the league."

When the club's suspension was overturned on appeal, Morris-Thomas didn't have long to celebrate. A couple of days later Pines travelled to John Cain Reserve to confront title challenger Northcote and came away with a meritorious 1–1 draw.

Morris-Thomas thinks his strong suit is as an attacking midfielder. He likes nothing better than to run at defenders and whip the ball into the penalty area or take the responsibility of creating a chance for himself.

He believes that he has to work on the defensive aspects of his game and getting back behind the ball quicker but he remains highly motivated and ambitious.

"I want to go as far as I can. Playing in the A–League would be awesome. My first target though is to try and establish myself in Premier League if possible then maybe Aaron Healey (Melbourne Victory assistant coach) will notice me."

Plenty of observers at other clubs have noticed him already, among them Heidelberg United coach George Katsakis.

But that's in the future. For now, Morris-Thomas must knuckle down with his teammates and meet an immediate challenge head-on.

It's been a season that could so easily have broken lesser spirits but Morris-Thomas and Frankston Pines will live to fight another day.

By Craig MaKenzie

Photo by Darryl Kennedy

A STEP AWAY FROM NUMBER ONE

Understudy Langerak Aims To Dux The Class

The laughter that regularly punctuates Mitchell Langerak's sentences, and scatters itself throughout his speech, indicates a young footballer very much at ease with life at the nation's strongest A-League club.

He has every right to be pleased with his place in Melbourne. At just 20, and in only his third year at the club, he is closing in on the number one shirt at Melbourne Victory. It has been a rapid progression to would-be first choice goalkeeper which began in the tiny mining town of Tieri, about 900 kilometres north-west of Brisbane.

"It's a town of only 1000 people, the football club doesn't even exist anymore," Langerak says of his junior football days. "It was more of a fun thing when we were younger; I used to learn how to keep by watching the Premier League boys on TV, and learning by myself."

Despite growing up in a bastion of rugby, Langerak's focus rarely strayed from football. "When I was younger I played a little bit of rugby and cricket like all Aussie boys," he says. "But football was always, for me, number one … I'll tell you I was good [at rugby and cricket], but I was average at best."

Aged 14, Langerak and family – parents Mark and Debbie and sisters, Jenna and Jade – moved south to Bundaberg, and subsequent success in a larger context led to an AIS scholarship and representative duties for the young Socceroos in 2006, before Victory recruiters called with an offer to move to Melbourne a year later.

Relocation to big city Melbourne could have been daunting for an 18-year-old from small town rural Queensland, but acclimatisation was to be the most difficult adjustment.

"It was a big move but it was a smooth transition to be honest," he muses. "I fitted in pretty well straight into Melbourne. I love the city – it's fantastic. In my opinion, it's the best city in Australia – easily," he continues, intending no disrespect to his Queensland upbringing. "That's what made it so easy to move down. The only problem is the cold."

He attributes part of his seamless relocation to the structure of Melbourne Victory and the support provided from within. "At Victory … everyone was so supportive," he reflects appreciatively. "It's such a good club to be at because there are no cliques or anything like that – we're a tight knit bunch. To have support from everyone is a really good thing."

As part of the support and development process at Victory, Langerak was sent on loan to South Melbourne in the Victorian Premier League immediately after arriving in 2007.

It was during this loan spell that reporting duties made me a first-hand witness to Langerak, and stand-out performances from a young, unrecognised goalkeeper immediately piqued my interest. Plain to see was the talent that convinced Victory officials to convert the boy from Bundaberg into a Melbournian.

Queried about his perception of the league and its role in his development, after somewhat apologetically admitting my naiveté on first-viewing, he acclaims the league's influence on his development.

"I don't think the VPL gets as much credit as it deserves," he responds, taking no offence to my contrite confession of ignorance.

Full name:
Mitchell James Langerak
Date of birth:
August 22, 1988 - age 20
Place of birth:
Emerald, Australia
Height: 1.91 m (6 ft 3 in)

Youth career
1996–2001 Tieri Tigers

Senior career App (Gls)
2002–2006
Across The Waves
2007–present
Melbourne Victory 06 (0)
2007 → South Melbourne (loan) 14 (0)

National team
2006 Australia U-20 05 (0)

Golden gloves: Victory goalkeeper Mitchell Langarek.

"Going to South Melbourne was probably the best thing for me when I first came to Melbourne because I got the opportunity to play against good players as well as learn to play in a team that strives to win and expects to win every game. It was a real learning curve and I developed as player so much just by being there."

At just 18, his evident youth was exaggerated by those that surrounded him on the pitch; but his mature presence in South's goalmouth, in command of a senior defensive line, belied his boyish looks. These teenage performances in a league of men insisted on an imminent ascent.

"It is tough," he says of the task of instructing players many years his senior. "Especially when no one knows anything about you."

There is a level of confidence required to instruct players of recognised talent and experience; a self-assurance that necessitates an absolute belief in one's own abilities. Listening to Langerak's poised speech indicates the requisite self-belief.

14 games at South Melbourne in 2007 and the departure of Victory back-up goalkeeper Eugene Galekovic later that year fast-tracked Langerak to second-choice gloveman at Victory.

His debut arrived against Sydney in round 21 of the 2007-08 season. Langerak strode onto the pitch that afternoon in front of a crowd about 20 times the population of his home town, Tieri, and departed the ground 90 minutes later having played his part in a 2-2 draw.

Langerak suggests that Victory's sizeable crowds, regularly the envy of fellow A-League clubs, affect him less than they do his parents. "They're just shocked by how many fans we have got and how much the fans love the team," he explains.

"When they come down and watch the games they love the atmosphere. They love just watching the fans more than the game," he modestly suggests. Though, like any parents watching the pursuits of their offspring, it's unlikely their proud eyes stray for long.

He naturally misses his Queensland-based family and friends but, with the way his Melbourne life is unfolding, the desire to return home is non-existent – even with the two new Queensland-based A-League sides which could facilitate a northern move.

"I wasn't tempted [to join either of the new Queensland A-League sides] at all," he emphatically avows. "I love being at Melbourne Victory. It's the best club in Australia … I think we've got the best facilities, the best staff, the best set up. Everything here is perfect for the players to excel in all areas."

Victory incumbent Michael Theoklitos' decision to pursue a career in Europe has presented Langerak with an enviable opportunity to excel in the coming season – the chance to become Victory's number one.

Having already performed first-choice goalkeeping duties in Victory's pre-season fixtures, Langerak is locked in a two-way battle with New Zealand international Glenn Moss for the role full-time.

"It's going to be a big battle with Glen Moss for the number one shirt, he's a fantastic goalkeeper," he enthuses. "It's going to be really tough … We both push each other really hard in training and that's exactly what you want … hopefully it'll be the best thing for the club."

Watching Theoklitos set off on the well-worn path to Europe, Langerak admits he too holds European aspirations; but Victory officials and fans needn't worry, as he doesn't plan to act on them any time soon.

"I think every footballer has got ambitions to go to Europe and play over there," he utters, articulating the once-held dream of generations of junior footballers. "But for the time being, and over the next few years, I just want to focus one hundred per cent on playing for Melbourne Victory and doing well."

For now, he continues to divide his time between football and a business degree at Victoria University, but it's clear it isn't equally apportioned between the two. "It's not like I turn up," he laughs, detailing his university attendance. "I don't even really go … I just wing it somehow".

With his talents and prospects, it isn't likely that a business degree will be required any time soon. And, until then, football provides him with an inarguable excuse for missing assessment.

While formal tertiary study may not command his full attention, the study of football is constant for Langerak.

"I pick up anything from any goalkeeper I watch on TV," he says. "No matter who you watch, you'll always pick something up. You'll be like 'can I put that into my game', or 'he does that well' … It's important to watch and learn."

Though, he is cautious not to overdo the football analysis. "I've got a reputation for being someone who thinks about football too much," he muses. "So it's important for me to try and get my mind off things." Which he says does with the help of housemates, and fellow Victory players, Leigh Broxham and Nathan Elasi.

As our interview nears its conclusion, I offer Langerak the chance for unguided final words. "Make me sound good," he blithely requests, amidst a customary bout of laughter. Fulfilment of his wry request didn't require much on my behalf.

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SYDNEY SHOOTS DOWN JETS IN PORT MACQUARIE TRIAL

Newcastle Jets 0
Sydney FC 2 (John Aloisi 5'/53')

A John Aloisi double has carried Sydney FC to an impressive win on Sunday afternoon in its Hyundai A-League trial against the Newcastle Jets in Port Macquarie.

The victory stretches the Sky Blues' pre-season record to ten wins and a draw from eleven friendly outings, with the side yet to concede a goal in three trials against (Hyundai) A-League opposition.

"This was another important game during pre-season," said Coach, Vitezslav Lavicka. "We played against a very good opponent, especially in the first half. They tested us. I am happy."

Sydney made a great start, with Aloisi first adding his name to the scoresheet in just the 5th minute of the match. Having been under pressure from the kick off, Newcastle attempted to work the ball out from the back but a wayward pass put the marquee man on the attack and he made no mistake when left one-on-one with Jet's keeper, Ben Kennedy.

The Sky Blues kept the pressure on and four minutes later almost doubled the lead, with Stuart Musialik unleashing a drive just over the bar when the ball spilled out the back from a corner.

Newcastle had half a chance when it earned its first corner at the other end of the field but a timely interception from Mitchell Prentice cleared the danger, and in the 17th minute a pin point Alex Brosque cross almost gave Kofi Danning a goal on the far post, but the teenager's header was blocked by the well positioned keeper.

The Jets should have drawn level on the half hour but were denied by a double save from

John Aloisi

Sydney custodian, Clint Bolton. Donny De Groot got in behind the defence but couldn't find a way past Bolton from close range and the keeper was also up to the task with the follow up shot, denying Song Hyung Jin seconds later to keep the Sky Blues' advantage intact.

After that scare Sydney lifted its intensity but despite some good chances in the closing stages of the half, couldn't extend the scoreline and went to the break with a one-nil lead.

Sydney picked up where it left off after the restart with Brosque almost scoring twice in the space of two minutes. First he got on the end of a Terry McFlynn cross but couldn't get a clear shot away, then one minute later he was picked out in the box by Kofi Danning and denied only by good save.

While he failed to get on the scoresheet himself, the midfielder was instrumental in the Sky Blues's second, eight minutes into the second half. After making a charging run up the left Brosque found Aloisi in the box, who then showed plenty of strength to complete his - and Sydney's double under pressure from the defence.

Aloisi was again heavily involved in a 61st minute move that would have stretched the lead to three, but for a great stop by the Newcastle custodian. A lofted cross from Steve Corica found the striker on the far post – he headed back inside for an unmarked Stuart Musialik but his shot was denied by a diving save.

In the 78th minute it was Sydney's keepers' turn to shine again, with Bolton sparring Adam Casey from having an unfortunate own-goal against his name. A Sasho Petrovski cross rebounded goal-ward off the unsuspecting defender, but Bolton's reflexes were up to the task at close range, and the margin remained at two.

Both teams tried their luck from distance in the last ten minutes – Mark Bridge almost pulling off a blinder for the Sky Blues and Jason Hoffman missing the mark for the Jets, but there was no addition to the score – Sydney stretching its record to twelve undefeated trials with a 2-nil win.

"It is good to reinforce positive habits. We still have many things to improve but I think we are going the right way," said Coach Lavicka.

After a successful and enjoyable four day camp in Port Macquarie Vitezslav Lavicka's men will be back in action in Sydney next weekend when they play the last of their State League trials, against Sydney Olympic at Belmore Oval next Sunday.

Newcastle Jets: 1. Ben KENNEDY (gk), 3. Adam D'APUZZO, 7. Hyun Song JIN (16. Jason HOFFMAN 54'), 8. Matthew THOMPSON (c) (19. Jason NAIDOVSKI 79'), 9. Sasho PETROVSKI, 10. Donny DE GROOT (17. Sean ROONEY 71'), 11. Tarek ELRICH, 12. Jobe WHEELHOUSE, 13. Shaun ONTONG, 14. Angelo COSTANZO, 22. Kaz PATAFTA.

Substitutes Not Used: 40. Ben MCNAMARA (gk).

Yellow Cards: nil.
Red Cards: nil.
Goals: nil.

Sydney FC: 1. Clint BOLTON (gk), 4. Simon COLOSIMO, 5. Mitchell PRENTICE, 8. Stuart MUSIALIK, 10. Steve CORICA (c) (19. Mark BRIDGE 65'), 14. Alex BROSQUE, 15. Terry MCFLYNN (27. Matthew JURMAN 65'), 18. Adam CASEY, 22. Sung Hwan BYUN, 23. John ALOISI, 35. Kofi DANNING (12. Shannon COLE 75').

Substitutes Not Used: 20. Ivan NECEVSKI (gk).

Yellow Cards: nil.
Red Cards: nil.
Goals: John Aloisi 5'/53'.

Referee: Kurt Ams.
Crowd: 3,120 at the Port Macquarie Regional Sports Stadium.

MARINERS MISS SHOT AT VICTORY

Capital XI 3
Central Coast Mariners 3

A last gasp own goal has robbed the Central Coast Mariners of what would have been a deserved victory against a Capital Football select XI, in the final match of a five-day pre-season trip to Canberra.

The local side had the opening chance of the match as Adam Spaleta brought down a long ball and cut back for Ian Waldron, who scuffed his shot, Adam Kwasnik provided the Mariners first opening, recovering from a knock to test the Capital Football 'keeper Chris Morrow from 25 yards.

Nik Mrdja fired a free kick over the bar soon after, while Canberra FC pair Alex Castro played on Dom Giampalo who put his first time effort over the bar, and it was the hosts who took the lead three minutes later.

A long ball into the box proved troublesome for Danny Vukovic, who, looking directly into the sun was unable to hold it, and despite suspicions of offside, Daniel Gecic was able to finish past the unlucky Mariners custodian.

But the goal appeared to spur the Central Coast into action, a good ball into the box by Ahmad Elrich helped Pedj Bojic win a corner, Bojic heading over the bar from the ensuing set piece.

The former Northampton Town man again in the thick of the action on 24 minutes, when he laid the ball off for Adrian Caceres, who watched a deflected shot narrowly miss the target.

Kwasnik's turn and shot soon after was cleared only as far as Caceres who again caused Morrow problems, and the Mariners eventually found an equaliser just after the half hour.

Elrich's run down the left and cross to the feet of Nicky Travis, meant the Sheffield United academy product could execute an impressive finish to the left of Morrow.

The Mariners had chances to take the lead but were unfortunate to see a couple of chances miss the target, while Elrich shot at Morrow deep into injury time.

The representative side wasn't laying down though and again took the lead, after Luke Pilkington's mishit bobbled around in the box, allowing Dom Giampalo to tap home.

But just two minutes later balance was restored, Adrian Caceres making a good run down the right wing, before taking the ball into the box and slipping it past replacement 'keeper Jason Denham.

Five minutes later, the Mariners had the lead for the first time, thanks to one of the star performers of the five-day sojourn to the nation's capital.

Pedj Bojic stepped up for a free kick 30 yards out, and with his spectacular winner in a pre-season trial against Queensland state league side Logan United just over a month ago still fresh in his mind, blasted home to make it 3-2.

Giampalo forced Vukovic into an athletic save with a free kick on the hour, while Kwasnik and Dylan Macallister both had half chances to add another.

Cruelly though for young Belconnen goalkeeper Alex Connell, given the last five minutes in the Mariners goal by Lawrie McKinna, he was unable to pick up a backpass from Alex Wilkisnon, the Central Coast watching on helplessly as it trickled into the empty net to rescue a 3-3 draw for the hosts.

Despite that, the Mariners remain undefeated this pre-season campaign, and are next in action in a pre-season trial match against Gold Coast United next Saturday, 18 July at Skilled Park. Kick Off is at 7:30pm.

Match Details

Central Coast Mariners 20. Danny Vukovic (gk) (30. Alex Connell (gk) 86') .4. Pedj Bojic, 5. Brad Porter, 8. Dean Heffernan (26. David D'Apuzzo 46'), 9. Nik Mrdja (2. Lim Dong Sup 46'), 10. Adrian Caceres (19. Matt Simon 78'), 13. Chris Doig (16. Nigel Boogaard 46'), 18. Alex Wilkinson (c), 21. Ahmad Elrich (11. Dylan Macallister 53'), 22. Nicky Travis, 23. Adam Kwasnik,.

Unused Subs 15. Andrew Clark.

Yellow Cards Dean Heffernan 13'
Red Cards None
Goals Nicky Travis 31', Adrian Caceres 52', Pedj Bojic 57'

Capital Football XI 22. Chris Morrow (gk) (1. Jason Denham (gk) 46'), 4. Ian Waldron (3. David Kemp 46'), 5. Luke Pilkington (11. Cameron Gordon 64'), 6. John Glass, 7. Alex Castro, (2. Taylor Beaton 59'), 8. Ryan Jones, 10. Daniel Gecic (17. Matt Mensar 46'), 12. Dom Giampalo, 13. Lee Pietrokowski (c), 14. John Ison (9. Marcin Zygmunt 71'), 15. Adam Spaleta.

Unused Subs None.

Yellow Cards 8. Ryan Jones 37', 10. Daniel Gecic 38' Alex Castro 57'
Red Cards None
Goals Daniel Gecic 20', Dom Giampalo 50', Alex Wilkinson (og 90')

Referee Ben Williams
Crowd Approx 1,400

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THREAT OF THE ENGLISH DISEASE

When H1N1 (so-called swine flu) broke out in Mexico, here in UK, and most importantly London, we were told everything was safe. There was nothing to worry about apart from what factor sun lotion to put on during the week or so of sunshine we call summer.

Then this week Micah Richards, holidaying in Ayia Napa, contracted Swine Flu. He spoke of its debilitating effects.

"I felt so weak that I couldn't move or eat," he is quoted on skysports.com. "My friends had to bring me drinks in bed."

Am I the only one who raised a chuckle at the site of another EPL footballer being waited on hand and foot? They should have conducted tests at the start of the 2008-09 season because it is not inconceivable Micah played much of last season with H1N1 given his performances.

"I'll get some stick from the lads when I do return, they will probably all turn up to training in surgical masks," he added. He should have added another caveat. If they turn up at all.

His discomfort at having to spend an extra week or so in the Cypriot resort, holed up in a five-star hotel aside, the spread of H1N1 could be the reason no player of note has so far signed on to play in the EPL. Worse, with CR7's (now CR9) move to Real Madrid, Spain has not only made the EPL a little weaker it also has the three best players in the world.

With player after player seemingly wishing to keep a safe distance from the home of football my question is what the hell is wrong with the EPL that makes foreign players shy away?

When the breakaway Premier League started back in 1992 we were into the land of the unknown. There was a shortage of superstars but they soon emerged, and over the intervening years most were English (Shearer, Beckham, Sheringham, Ferdinand, Gascoigne) with the odd one out being a Welshman (Giggs). The foreign players gracing our shores were mainly confined to Scandinavians, whose physical stature was seen as just right for a physical league.

That changed when various skill players moved here. Benito Carbone (1996), Paulo Di Canio (1997) and Dennis Bergkamp (1995). In Bergkamp here was a player who was the antithesis of the Nordics. A player so slow he probably didn't go faster then 40 in a sports car. A player who relied on a footballing brain and a great first touch. When playing over here Bergkamp always seemed to me like a Russian chess player playing against an immature protégé. He thought so far ahead of his opponents that during a game at St. James's Park he'd spun the ball one way, turned the other and tucked it in the back on the net before the defender had time to raise his hand for offside let alone tug his shirt.

But this isn't a eulogy about Dennis. My point is the league may have changed into a less physical league due to the restrictions on tackling from behind yet it is still one of the most physical leagues in Europe. Because of this many foreigners, guys with the craft and skill of Bergkamp, may be put off coming.

If so there's nothing to be done about pure cowardice but it would be doing a disservice (and indeed would be a very short article) if I didn't explore the reasons some players are loathe to come here.

Rather than list the reasons let look at the main players, the reasons they haven't joined the EPL give more of an insight than mere explanation.

Samuel Eto'o

Manchester City has officially ended their pursuit of the Cameroonian goal machine and not a moment too soon. Only Eto'o knows if he had any real intentions of swapping silk for cotton, trophies for bankroll, but his stalling has probably been interpreted by City as trying to strengthen his hand with Barcelona, where his contract expires next year.

It's a common ploy, using a third club to get you a better deal, and one imagines John Terry could use City's interest in much the same way.

Kaka

It was hard to imagine Kaka pulling on a City shirt when they made their mega offer in January. Since his move to Madrid a few weeks back he revealed the reasons he didn't join the Eastland club's "project"

"With projects sometimes you don't know how long the investment will be there for", he was quoted in The Sun on June 28th. "Lots of clubs have periods of spending big money. But suddenly the investment stops when the owner decides to do something else or because of other reasons like a failing economy."

Am I the only one who admires his footballing intelligence off the pitch as well as on? There are certain Chelsea players who couldn't put such a succinct sentence together without a five-minute delay for the thoughts to travel from brain to mouth. Not so Ricardo Kaka. He didn't mention them by name but he could easily be referring to clubs like Leeds and Blackburn, who piled cash into projects only to forget about laying the foundations with long-term youth projects. Chelsea should take note.

Closer to Milan, he may also have been referring to Lazio who in the 1990s had an owner in Sergio Cragnotti who more or less bought a title under Sven Goran Eriksson by handing out cash as though it was monopoly money. Players such as Pavel Nedved, Alessandro Nesta, Juan Sebastian Veron, Hernan Crespo and Christian Vieri came and went.

A financial scandal involving Cragnotti forced him to leave the club in 2002. This forced the club to sell their star players and the "symbol" of the club - club captain Nesta - in quick succession.

Kaka may have known his footballing history when he said. "I felt the time was right for a change and Real Madrid are the club for me. They will always be a big club. Nobody can take away their history and their nine European Cups."

There's no disgrace for City to lose out to such a club and Kaka's transfer to Madrid was for the most gallant of reasons - footballing reasons - and not just to see more zeros on his Banco De Madrid statement, not that he'd move to Spain and take a pay cut though, he's not that sentimental.

Gazoontite! Manchester City's Micah lets out a suspicious sneeze.

Melo

As he was part of my "Ten For The Prem" article I was delighted to see Arsenal had put in an offer for the Brazilian. What didn't surprise me was the fact he seems destined to join Juventus. Like City's pursuit of Kaka it's no surprise Arsenal lose out to a team with a richer history and tradition.

Sad to say it is also no surprise that Arsenal tried to get Melo on the cheap, which seems to sum up their transfer policy of spending small on players and charging sky high ticket prices. Maybe he preferred Juve all alone. The fact is we'll only have known if Wenger had bid the €20-25 million Melo would have cost, or at least thrown in a couple of makeweight players that were actually worth €10million instead of thinking Eboue and Senderos plus €14million would sway the deal.

Juve's gain will be the EPL's loss.

Karim Benzema and Franck Ribery

Apart from putting your best players under lock and key or providing their mouths with zip locks it's hard to stop Real Madrid coveting them or to stop players from reciprocating the desire.

Both Manchester United and Real Madrid got on their marks and left the starting blocks to get Benzema at about the same time. Real may have been more decisive about getting their man but it is clear with Benzema, as it is with Ribery, that moving to Real is what they wanted.

David Villa

Villa is the most interesting case. Valencia send out signals that he is for sale then suggest they have no intention of selling him despite their financial difficulties. All designed, the resident cynic in me suggests, to drive up the price. If Villa were footballing property he'd be somewhere plush in Central London. In the current economic climate there are only a few teams who could realistically afford the Spaniard but that hasn't stopped Valencia playing hardball. It seems economic reality is left at the negotiating door in the world of football.

Chelsea, Man United and Liverpool have been mentioned as possible destinations but Villa has said he wants to stay in Spain. But Fernando Torres couldn't resist coming to England and has become a better player for it so why not his Spanish strike partner?

Apart from the inflated cost the answer, I believe, is ingrained into the psyche of most footballers. Villa is comfortable in Spain and has no desire to leave his native country. I imagine most players would take this stance even if there was a cast-iron guarantee they would become better players.

Players in the top four leagues are averse to moving abroad and uprooting their comfortable home life. Despite my desire to see Villa over here it has to be said that Spanish players in the main are flops in any country other than their own. Gaizka Mendieta (Lazio), Jose Antonio Reyes (Arsenal), Marcelinho (Newcastle), Rafael Martin Vasquez (Torino) and Francisco Farinos (Inter – so bad that Inter haven't signed a Spanish player since) spring to mind.

Yet the success of Torres and Fabregas show that success is possible. Then again for every Fabregas and Torres there are others who would prefer to stay at home and take the easy way out by staying within their national boundaries. To that end it's no surprise that players who are more likely to move to England like Bergkamp, Henry and Viera were already plying their trade abroad and had few qualms with switching countries.

In my search to find out why the upper echelon of players does not come to England I did some research and found that historically the world's best players have rarely played in England. I'm not talking about the best home grown players like Gerrard and Lampard, but the crème de la crème of players from foreign climes.

Below is a list of players consisting of the top three World and (Ballon D-Or) European footballer of the year finalists since 1999.

1999

World Player	Ballon D'Or
1-Rivaldo (Barca)	1 - Rivaldo (Barca)
2-David Beckham (MU)	2 - David Beckham (Man Utd)
3-Gabriel Batistuta (Fio)	3 - Andrei Shevchenko (AC Milan)

2000

1-Zinadine Zidane (Juve)	1- Luis Figo (Real)
2-Luis Figo (Real)	2 - Zinedine Zidane (Juve)
3-Rivaldo (Barca)	3 - Andrei Shevchenko (AC Milan)

2001

1-Luis Figo (Real)	1 - Michael Owen (Liv)
2-Beckham (Man U)	2 – Raul (Real)
3-Raul (Real)	3 - Oliver Kahn (Bayern)

2002

1-Ronaldo (Real M)	1 – Ronaldo (Real M)
2-Oliver Khan (Bayern)	2 – Roberto Carlos (Real M)
3-Zinedine Zidane (Real)	3 - Oliver Khan (Bayern)

2003

1-Zinedine Zidane (Real)	1 - Pavel Nedved (Juve)
2-Thierry Henry (Ars)	2 - Thierry Henry (Arsenal)
3-Ronaldo (Real M)	3 - Paulo Maldini (AC Milan)

2004

1-Ronaldinho (Barca)	1 - Andrei Shevchenko (AC Milan)
2-Thierry Henry (Ars)	2 – Deco (Barca)
3-Shevchenko (AC)	3 - Ronaldinho (Barca)

2005

1-Ronaldinho (Barca)	1 - Ronaldinho (Barca)
2-Frank Lampard (Chel)	2 - Frank Lampard (Chelsea)
3-Samuel Eto'o (Barca)	3 - Steven Gerrard (Liv)

2006

1-Fabio Cannavaro (Real)	1 - Fabio Cannavaro (Real M)
2-Zinedine Zidane (Real)	2 - Gianluigi Buffon (Juve)
3-Ronaldinho (Barca)	3 - Thierry Henry (Arsenal)

2007

1-Kaka (AC Milan)	1 – Kaka (AC Milan)
2-Lionel Messi (Barca)	2 - Cristiano Ronaldo (Man Utd)
3-Ronaldo (Man Utd)	3 - Lionel Messi (Barca)

2008

1-Ronaldo (Man Utd)	1 - Cristiano Ronaldo (Man Utd)
2-Kaka (AC Milan)	2 - Lionel Messi (Barca)
3-Lionel Messi (Barca)	3 - Fernando Torres (Liv)

Only Torres, TH14 and CR7 are foreign players to have been short listed during the last 10 years and only Torres remains. That doesn't mean we don't have one of the top leagues in Europe. That's why I was baffled as to why more top players aren't here, the type of players that make you stand up when they get the ball. Zidane came close to signing for Blackburn until Juventus came in for him and spoilt it for us.

To be fair I haven't forgotten that there is only a finite number of class players out there. So if we've not historically been home to the world's truly elite players why am I stoked up about it? It's because I don't see anything wrong with this country and can't fathom why the great players are not playing here. The biggest transfer so far has been Zhirkov to Chelsea and I don't even know his first name!

This of course hasn't been for the want of trying. But that's the problem, when players refuse to entertain the notion of coming here something inside me wants to mention the names of Torres, Arshavin and the recently departed CR fella as players who've made an impact.

We also have the money, unlike years gone by. It must be so frustrating for Mark Hughes to have the dough to buy the Ferrari but the showroom won't sell it to you.

So how did we get to sign some of the world's best players like Bergkamp? The trouble is when you look at arguably the best player in EPL to date, TH14, his transfer tale is the same as Bergkamp. Signed by Juventus from Monaco he played on the wing for The Old Lady and looked lost. It didn't help that Serie A football was so defensive back then that Roberto Carlos was sold by Inter to Real Madrid because he crossed the halfway line too much.

Henry was lost and Wenger gave him a way out that he grabbed before it could be taken away. The point is Robinho and Arshavin aside we don't have much of a track record (look at Chelsea) of signing great players in their prime, and both of those players wanted to leave so badly they didn't care where they ended up.

To be fair, there haven't been many English players who have ventured abroad lately either and given the money on offer at home some would say they don't need the hassle of moving. Let's also not underestimate the language barrier.

Two More Reasons

I am unsure if players are really unwilling to accept the physical challenge the EPL brings. Football is football whether it's played at Camp Nou or Old Trafford. One thing that is clearly a factor, one which is rarely mentioned (I guess players are already perceived as greedy without fuelling the notion) is the UK's 50% tax rate. Andrei Arshavin declared himself "unpleasantly surprised" when, upon looking at his wage packet, he realised he earned more money than at Zenit St. Petersburg but received less take home pay. Russia has a 13% income tax rate. No matter what you think of player's wages answer this question honestly, would you like half your wages taken from you by the any government, especially that of a country you can't even vote in?

Let's also not underestimate the restrictions of foreign labour in the UK due to the work permit rules. As I understand it foreign players who are not EU nationals need to have played 75% of their countries international matches. Though none of the big names playing in Europe would have problems moving to England, up and coming players like Keirrison, who is expected to sign for Barcelona, would not qualify to play here under the current rules. It has been left to countries like Italy, Spain and Germany to snap up much of the Brazilian talent with the UK usually being a second – and more expensive - port of call for these players once they've gained EU citizenship.

The answer would be to lower the tax rate for high earners and remove the restrictions on foreign labour. None of that is going to happen so I suggest FIFA ban Real Madrid, Barcelona, Inter Milan and Juventus from bidding for players that English clubs are after.

That's the only way to stop the top players turning up their nose when offered the chance to play in one of the best leagues in the world. It's not as though we're offering them Swine Flu is it Micah?.

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ARE THE GOONERS GONERS?

Arsenal Must Avoid Getting Left Behind

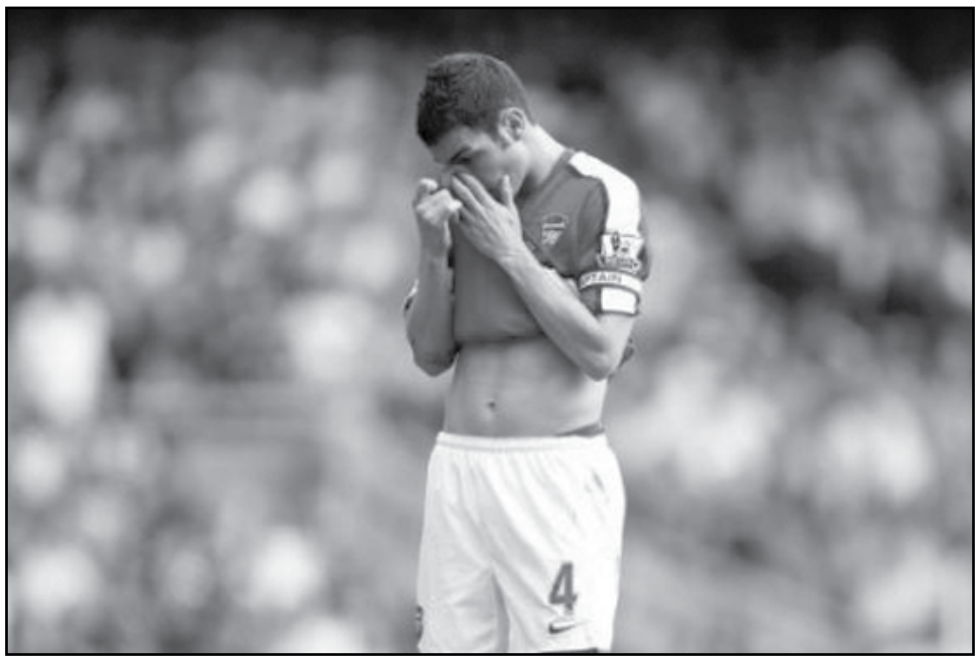
The new season is still a few weeks away, and there is still much transfer action to take place between now and then. So far the team which finished fourth in the Premier League last season, Arsenal, have made one purchase in the guise of Thomas Vermaelen a defender from Ajax.

Despite this acquisition, though, many pundits are predicting that the upcoming season could be a major struggle for the Gunners. The question that they are all posing, it seems, is whether Arsene Wenger's men will get left behind next season?

It is unarguable that Arsenal are one of the biggest sides in European football, as well as one of the top four best clubs in England. Last season they finished fourth in the league and reached the semi-finals of the two biggest cup competitions they were in, namely the Champions League and the FA Cup. Yet at no point during the season did they mount anything resembling a title challenge, and they were well beaten in both semi-final games against Manchester United and Chelsea, two teams which finished above them in the league.

And it seems, if most pundits are to be believed, that over the course of next season the Gunners could slip not only further away from the three teams above them, but they could also finish lower than ever-strengthening teams like Aston Villa, Everton and even, to every Gooners dismay, Tottenham Hotspur. And of course there is the threat of the biggest money powerhouse around, Manchester City, mounting an attack on the Premier League big four. But why are the three times Premier League champions falling further and further behind Manchester United, Chelsea and Liverpool, and maybe even Villa and City?

It seems that most of the Gunners problems stem from their transfer funds, or at least their lack of said funds. Newly invested in Manchester City are able to throw money at any player which takes their fancy, such as Robinho or recently acquired Gareth Barry, whereas Arsenal seem to have to cast their nets over smaller, lesser known buys like Vermaelen.



Arsenal will aim to return to the fray with a swagger next season.

A great example of this has been the merry-go-round which has been Arsenal attempting to buy the Brazilian defensive midfielder Felipe Melo. For weeks there were rumours that the Gunners were after him until finally a concrete offer was made. Many people believed that this was the man that could make a huge difference to Arsenals season and who could make them once again challengers for the title. Yet the offer that was made was 14 million euros, no where high enough to bring over a player who had just recently performed extremely well for Brazil in the Confederations Cup. Instead, Juventus, a club which has its own financial problems, seem to have flexed a little financial muscle that nobody knew they had by offering over 20 million euros for the Brazilians services. Yet again Arsenal have been out priced and therefore could be missing out on a player who could have transformed the Gunners into title challengers.

And it seems that any monetary problems that Arsenal have seem to be compounded by Arsene Wengers stubborn refusal to splash out on any well-known experienced players. Many of the Arsenal players have called for experience to be added to the talented young players already at the club, yet Wenger time and again has passed up on older players who may have cost over ten million pounds in favour of younger talent who he believes can perform at the highest level with little to no previous experience. And what seems to be happening is that the best talent unearthed by Wenger is eventually sold on to others clubs rather than raising their wages in accordance with what other big teams pay their stars. Players like Flamini, who moved to Milan last summer, have been moved on by Wenger as either he or the club as a whole do not want to pay the high wages that top players seem to garner right now. This means that through a combination of lack of funds and a safety first manager, the Gunners appear to be on the verge of being left behind in both the title race and the fight for a Champions League place.

That being said, I'm not sure I actually agree with everything that is being thrown at the Gunners right now. Looking back over the previous years it's apparent that Arsenal, especially under Wenger, have never splashed out big on players and have never had bucket loads of cash to spend on wages and transfers. Yet Wenger was able, through a cultivation of young talent and often inspirational transfer purchases, to win three league titles, including a title win in 2004 in which his team lost zero games in the league all season. I can admit that most fans would like the purse strings opened a little more, yet I believe that most Arsenal fans have faith that Wenger is doing what is right for the club, not only on the pitch but also in the boardroom. And if spending cash was the answer, then why has Rafa Benitez not won a league title? The Liverpool team which he took over was not a million miles away from the top of the league, yet he still has failed to win the league, a feat which Wenger achieved in his first full season at Arsenal.

And don't forget that there is still over a month of the transfer window to go, and not all of the business that will be done has been completed. And even if Wenger fails to bring in any big names or any massive experience, I still believe that the Gunners aren't that far behind United, Chelsea or Liverpool. It also remains to be seen exactly how well United will do without Ronaldo, who has been replaced by Valencia from Wigan and, shockingly, Michael Owen from Newcastle.

So I guess we will have to wait and see what Arsenal will achieve next season. Either they will fall from grace, as many pundits are predicting, or they will shove all the criticisms of the club and of Wenger back in the faces of their doubters. Personally, I think they are in with a shot of league glory, and I think they are still shoe-ins for a top four finish. And I certainly hope it's not me who will be eating his words come this time next year.

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Winners (10): 1929–30, 1935–36, 1949–50, 1970–71, 1978–79, 1992–93, 1997–98, 2001–02, 2002–03, 2004–05
Runners-up (7): 1926–27, 1931–32, 1951–52, 1971–72, 1977–78, 1979–80, 2000–01

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TALES FROM THE COTTAGE

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Melbourne Victory took on English Premier League club Fulham at Etihad Stadium on Saturday. It was the Cottagers first visit to Australia after one of their most successful seasons in their history. Thanks in large part to some superb performances by Socceroo keeper Mark Schwarzer Fulham finished in seventh place in the Premier League and qualified for European competition in the new northern hemisphere season.

Though it does not have the cachet or the pizzazz of Chelsea or Arsenal, Fulham Football Club is older than either of them. Indeed it has a claim to be the oldest London club, founded in 1879, and is certainly the oldest of those London clubs playing in the Premier League today. In 1896 they moved to Craven Cottage which has been the home ground ever since, apart from a couple of years when it was being redeveloped, when they moved to Loftus Road. Beginning in the Southern League, Fulham joined the Football League in 1907 bumping along in the lower divisions until 1949 when they came top of the Second Division and won promotion to the top level in those days. Relegated in 1952 it took the club seven years to get back into the first division, but then came its best continuous spell of success until very recent times. From 1959 to 1968, Fulham graced the First division with a number of star players including Graham Leggatt from Aberdeen, a dynamic, goalscoring Scottish winger. Leggatt scored 134 goals in 277 games, a phenomenal return for a winger. Jimmy Hill, later to make his name as chairman of the Professional Footballers Association and a television personality, Jim Langley and the peerless Johnny Haynes, the first footballer to earn more than £100 per week.

Haynes was capped by England 52 times and played 657 games for Fulham. His speciality was accurate long distance passing bringing team-mates into play and shifting the focus of the attack. A bad car crash reduced his effectiveness and he retired in 1970 after a career entirely spent with one club. The Fulham chairman for much of that time was the comedian Tommy Trinder who understood the value of show business in promoting football and played up the value to Haynes to the club and the game.

With Haynes gone and the club relegated, Fulham fell away despite signing a number of top class entertainers including George Best, Rodney Marsh, Allan Mullery and Bobby Moore. Though they performed brilliantly at times, their best days were behind them and Fulham could not regain its first division status. The closest it came was in 1983 when it finished narrowly in second place. But it was a roller coaster period and in 1996 the club came very close to losing its place in the Football League altogether. Micky Adams was appointed manager and he just managed to steer the club out of relegation into the promotion in 1997. At that point the flamboyant owner of Harrods, the iconic London department store, Mohamed Al Fayed bought the club with a plan to transform it into a powerhouse in the sport. He said he would have the club in the Premier League within five years and managed it in four, when Fulham came up as champion in 2001.

Since then Fulham has flirted with relegation again but with Roy Hodgson as manager since 2008 it has begun challenging for a regular European place.

By Roy Hay

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Mohamed Al Fayed's financial support has sustained Fulham in the EPL, bringing opposition like Man United to Craven Cottage.

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STRIKERS TURN IT ON FOR LES MURRAY

Super League Round 15

Western Strikers celebrated their Gala-Day, with special guest Les Murray, by thumping Para Hills Knights 4-0.

Strikers rose to the occasion and secured a vital three points in front of a healthy turnout. The win sees them three points clear of the drop zone with Modbury on 10 points and Adelaide Hills on 8 points filling the relegation spots. The Hills however have two games in hand and are to meet Western Strikers on the last day of the season. All signs point to the relegation battle going down to the wire.

Man of the match James Yong got the Strikers off to the perfect start after just five minutes scoring the opening goal. Brazilian midfielder Felipe Garcia tore through the Knights defence beating three players before firing a shot at goal. It was too hot to handle for Para Hills keeper James McKee and after a scramble the ball found Yong who headed the ball into the open net.

The Strikers continued to dominate before Shane Tobias began to stamp his authority on the match for the Knights. Going with the wind in the first half, Para Hills used route one and the long ball to little effect with Andy Thorpe snuffing out the Knights attack. Tobias had plenty of the ball in the first half as he tried to link with front men Anthony Stam and Matthew Mullen.

The second half brought a frantic opening with Para Hills pushing for an equaliser. They thought they had one when a Matthew Muscroft free kick was parried by Strikers keeper David Picca into the path of Michael Greco. Greco neatly tucked in the rebound but was found to be in an offside position. This proved to be the turning point as minutes later Strikers went down and scored their second.

A Garcia corner was only half cleared by the Knights defence and Yong picked up the loose ball on 18 yards. He drove it low and hard goal bound and Eli Vlassis helped the ball into the net with a cheeky little back heel. 10 minutes later it was 3-0 as Garcia became more influential.

His free kick was deadly. Hit hard and with amazing curve, it landed in the path of Captain Chris McNichol whose glancing header gave McKee no chance. The celebration illustrated the importance of the day's match in the club's fight to avoid relegation. McNichol ran over to the supporters before being swamped by teammates.

Para Hills thought they had pulled a goal back but again it was disallowed for offside. Minutes later it was 4-0 as Garcia completed the rout. A free kick from virtually the same spot as the third goal, Garcia tried a different approach going directly for goal. What appeared an innocuous attempt slipped through the fingers of McKee and it was curtains for the Knights. Yong collected the man of the match for his role while Garcia and Paul Bearzotti were also among the best. Para Hills best were former Adelaide United defender Aaron Goulding, Shane Tobias and Alex Sunasky.

Para Hills finals fate will be almost sealed should Adelaide City take maximum points against Adelaide Blue Eagles in the Monday night fixture. Round 16 has them host Adelaide City and could prove pivotal in deciding the top five should Blue Eagles defeat Adelaide City.

Western Strikers meantime will travel to Adelaide Galaxy who is still a fair chance for the top five finals series.

Raiders have potentially lost third spot while Adelaide Galaxy has kept its finals hopes alive after Galaxy ran out winners 3-1.

Galaxy captain Paul Karritevlis was outstanding bagging a hat trick and man of the match honours.

Leading 2-0 at half time Galaxy were able to hold off the Raiders and register its fifth win of the season.

Raiders who defeated league leaders Campbelltown a week earlier were unable to back up with consecutive wins. They were without key players Dalibor Barisic, Mimi Saric, Daniel Scordo and Paolo Crisci. Former Adelaied United and Sydney FC player Bobby Petta lined up for his first game for the Raiders and appeared to lack match practise. He will no doubt be crucial in the Raiders finals campaign with a few games under his belt.

Felipe Garcia (11) celebrates his goal with Daniele La Stella

Michael Cavallaro got on the score sheet for the home side in the second half however the young squad were no match for Galaxy who played the better football on the day. Richie Alagich could have levelled the match at 2-2 but saw his 30m thunderbolt canon back off the crossbar.

Former Raiders player Claus Christopherson was also a standout while Evan Kounavelis turned in a fine performace.

For the Raiders Paul Mackey was best while Michael Acton and Kinglsey Francis again had solid games for the losing side.

Raiders meet Modbury in round 16 in the Friday night clash with plenty on the line for both sides. Modbury are battling relegation and morale at Jet Park is at an all time low after a 9-2 demolition from league leader Campbelltown. Raiders hold on to third spot temporarily however Blue Eagles play in Monday night's fixture against Adelaide City and have a game in hand. Galaxy host Western Strikers who are for the moment clear of relegation.

Campbelltown have registered the biggest Super League score in recent times after crushing Modbury Jets 9-2.

The Red Devils have returned to the top of the Super League momentarily after Metro Stars clash at Adelaide Hills was postponed due to pitch conditions.

Jason Trimboli continued his glittering form hitting the net no less than four times as Campbelltown shot down the Jets. Trimboli took his season tally to 20, an amazing return for the league's most accomplished striker.

Speedster Matthew Deegan chimed in with two goals, while Michael Paleka, Joe Anello and young gun James Michalakos all found the back of the net.

Campbelltown were missing Michael Menechella and Vas Parhas but young defender Luca Di Girolami filled the gap for the Red Devils.

Modbury's season appears in tatters as it lies second to bottom. It is three points behind safety and the Western Strikers while Adelaide Hills have two games in hand and could potentially leapfrog both the Jets and the Strikers.

Russel Clayton and Rhys Devlin each scored for Modbury but it mattered little on a day where Campbelltown ran riot.

Piotr Sapa was outstanding for Campbelltown with Trimboli and Michael D'Alosio collecting votes also. Daniel Crowl was Modbury's best with Clayton and Devlin contributing.

Campbelltown coach Rocky Aloisi preferring to keep his feet on the ground despite the bloodbath. "It all went pretty well. We started great and they opened up and we kept scoring."

Round 16 has first versus second in one of the biggest matches of the season. Campbelltown will travel to Metro Stars in a clash that could determine the minor premiership. With three rounds left every point is priceless in the lead up to the finals.

Campbelltown will be without some big names for the epic clash against Metro Stars. Matthew Deegan will return to Greece while key player Domenic Signorello is also heading overseas. Aloisi also remaining calm about player availabilities, "I don't think anyone has expected us to do so well, (with so many players missing). We're just taking one game at a time and do what we can with what we have available."

Modbury meanwhile will look to its Friday night fixture against the Raiders to regain some confidence and respect after the drubbing handed out by Campbelltown.

Adelaide City and Adelaide Blue Eagles faced off in the Monday night fixture. Adelaide City lie in fifth spot three points clear of Galaxy before the start of the match. A loss to ABE will give Galaxy a sniff of a finals berth. Adelaide City's dream of a record 5 consecutive championships looks to have suffered a set back. Fifth spot, unfamiliar territory for the Black and White's in recent years, City are not playing the brand of football that has brought them their previous four crowns. All they need though is to make the finals and they are a good chance. No doubt Damian Mori will have his charges ready come finals time.

ABE meanwhile relinquished an early season eight point lead atop the Super League table and have been playing catch up ever since. Ironically the turn in fortune came against Campbelltown when the Red Devils defeated ABE 3-0 at home in round 8 and handed them their first loss of the season. Blue Eagles are equal third with a game in hand and a win against Adelaide City will have them overtake Raiders for third spot.

Metro Stars clash at Adelaide Hills was postponed due to pitch conditions. Metro temporarily hand top spot back to Campbelltown. Round 16 has first versus second face off. A win for Metro would see them a point clear of the Red Devils with a game in hand. Metro's final two games are against fellow top five rival Raiders and Modbury Jets on the last day of the home and away season. Campbelltown host ABE in the eastern derby in the penultimate round of the season while the Red Devils final match will be against Para Hills.

Western Strikers Gala Day Success

11th of July will forever be remembered by the Western Strikers faithful. It was the day SBS guru and legend and the face of Australian Football Les Murray came to town.

Murray was invited as a special guest to speak at the Western Strikers Gala Dinner. He was also present at the game against Para Hills which Western Strikers won 4-0. The win has bolstered the clubs hopes of staying in the Super League for a second season. The club was promoted last season to the top tier for the first time in its 29 year history.

The icon of the world game in Australia also had time to stop in to local weekly radio show on 5RTI 531 am with Rob Pepicelli and Paul Pelizzarri. Murray signed photos and autographed copies of his book By The Balls at the club pregame, before joining the 5RTI commentary team of Pepicelli, Lee Gagliardi and Jono Mitchell for the first half of the broadcast.

Murray's speech at the dinner was moving and inspirational as he spoke of his journey as a child and Hungarian refugee and his migration to Australia with his family. He sang the praises of the migrant communities and how many, including the great man himself, found their Australian identity with the birth of the first Australian national team. Other guest speakers included Australia's most celebrated referee Donald Campbell.

Striker's Marketing Director Angelo Picca said it was a night where "we all celebrated football in the true sense."

Western Strikers Club President Aggie Giannini was delighted with the day's events, marking the Club's inaugural season in the Super League. "It was a fantastic night for everyone involved; being amongst friends, family and true soccer people. It was an honour to have Les Murray there and amazing the way he took part in the whole day. Signing autographs for the kids, taking time out for everyone. It was great."

The night was a success in every sense of the word, with everyone involved sharing in a special evening.

By Lee Gagliardi

Photo by Adam Butler

FFSA RESULTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	P
Campbelltown	15	10	2	3	40	17	23	32
MetroStars	14	9	3	2	23	9	14	30
Raiders	15	7	5	3	28	22	6	26
Adelaide Blue Eagles	13	8	2	3	21	17	4	26
Adelaide City	14	6	3	5	21	13	8	21
Adelaide Galaxy	15	5	4	6	20	23	-3	19
Para Hills	15	3	7	5	18	25	-7	16
Western Strikers	15	4	1	10	20	30	-10	13
Modbury	15	3	1	11	18	46	-28	10
Adelaide Hills	13	2	2	9	19	26	-7	8

Adelaide Hills vs MetroStars
(All matches postponed due to pitch conditions)

Campbelltown City 9 (J.Trimboli 4, M.Deegan 2, M.Paleka, J.Anello, J.Mickalakos)
Modbury 2 (R.Clayton, R.Devlin) (HT 5-1)
Best – Campbelltown (P.Sapa, J.Trimboli, M.D'Aloisio) Modbury (D.Crowl, R.Devlin, R.Clayton)
Res – Campbelltown 5 Modbury 3
U19 – Campbelltown 1 Modbury 0

Raiders 1 (M.Cavallaro)
Adelaide Galaxy 3 (P.Karittevlis 3)
(HT 0-2)
Best – Raiders (P.Mackey, M.Acton, K.Francis) Galaxy (P.Karittevlis, C.Christophersen, E.Kounavelis)
Res – Raiders 0 Galaxy 1
U19 – Raiders 2 Galaxy 1

Western Strikers 4 (E.Vlassis, F.Garcia, J.Yong, C.McNichol)
Para Hills 0 (HT 1-0)
Best – Strikers (J.Yong, A.Thorpe, P.Bearzotti) Para Hills (A.Goulding, S.Tobias, A.Sunasky)
Res – Strikers 1 Para Hills 0
U19 – Strikers 1 Para Hills 1

Adelaide City vs Adelaide Blue Eagles
Monday 13th July - 7:30pm
Adelaide City Park, Hilltop Drive, OAKDEN
Res – Adel City 3 Blue Eagles 1
U19 – Adel City 2 Blue Eagles 3

OLYMPIC OPEN EIGHT POINT GAP

Logan United 2 (Cameron Hunt 58', Remo Buess 87') - Sunshine Coast FC 2 (Jai Cross 14', Oh-Kyun Gong 81')

When these two sides met in Round 6, Logan scored a late equaliser to finish the scores at 1-1, but Sunshine Coast have looked different side since and have now won seven games in a row. That momentum seemed to carry into the match as Jai Cross continued his excellent form of late by putting the Sunshine Coast into the lead in only the fourteenth minute. The lead would last into half time with both sides failing to convert a number of half-chances presented to them.

No doubt Logan Coach Mickey Rooney would have reminded his team that this was close to a must win game for them if they wished to make the finals this year. Cameron Hunt must have paid close attention as he equalised in the 58th minute to reignite the home sides hopes. Oh-Kyun Gong would prove to be the villain for United fans as he put Sunshine Coast back in front in the 81st minute and judging from the reaction of the visitors bench looked likely to be the winning goal. There was still time on the clock though and Logan talisman Remo Buess denied the visitors three points as he converted a chance in the 87th minute to steal a point for his side.

NQ Razorbacks 1 (Josh Searle 48') - Whitsunday Miners 1 (Michael van Moolenbroek 23')

After securing only their second win of the season last weekend, the Miners arrived at Townsville looking to go into the final third of the season with a good string of results. The Razorbacks were sitting in sixth position, five points out of the top four but still in with a chance to make the finals.

The visitors had the better of the first half, despite largely playing on the counterattack as North Queensland dictated play. Possession didn't tell on the scoreboard though as Michael van Moolenbroek managed to put his side into the lead with a well taken goal in the 23rd minute.

The Razorbacks played with more urgency as the second half began and seemed to stun the Miners as Josh Searle popped up to score a deserved equaliser only three minutes from the restart. From there it was all North Queensland as they had the visitors pinned in their own half but couldn't find a winner as the match wore on.

Bundaberg Spirit 1 (Laurie Stephenson 90') - Queensland Academy of Sport 1 (Matt Thurtell 64')

Both sides suffered disappointing results last weekend – Bundaberg's best shot at a win this season turned into a 2-1 loss to the Miners while QAS conceded a last minute goal and had to settle for a draw with Logan United.

QAS would leave here disappointed becoming the first side to drop points to the Spirit all season despite having the better of most of the match. Matt Thurtell gave his young side the lead in the 64th minute after they had been denied several times in the first half by some good saves from Bundaberg's keeper. The solitary goal looked like it would be enough to secure the three points but Laurie Stephenson scored in the dying seconds of the game cueing jubilation on the Bundaberg bench as the Spirit finally got a result in 2009.

Brisbane Strikers 0 - Redlands City Devils 0

The Brisbane Strikers league title hopes were left hanging by the slenderest of threads last night after Stuart McLaren's team was reduced to eight men and held to a 0-0 draw by the Redlands City Devils in a controversial and almost inexplicable match at Perry Park.

In a game in which arguably the most influential figure was referee Nathan McDonald the Strikers had by far the better scoring chances. But they were left lamenting, and confounded by, the dismissals of Craig Collins, Luke Morley and Warren Moon from a game in which scarcely a malicious tackle was committed

The first half was largely uneventful with barely a handful of chances created by either side. The main talking point came in the 40th minute as Strikers defender Craig Collins was sent off for a perceived shirt pull as Russell Woodruffe took a shot on goal. The visitors began the second half with a quick attack and shot, yet this would prove to be the peak of their endeavours as they seemed content to sit back and chase a point despite having the extra man. The Strikers would dictate play for the remainder of the match and would have their second player dismissed in the 80th minute as Luke Morley was sent from the field for vehemently arguing with the referee over a disallowed goal from Musson. Moon was dismissed quickly after and the Strikers played out the match with only eight men.

FNQ Bulls 4 (Robert Pendenza 2', Renzo Franco 27', George Koroma 87', Steven Cater 89') - Olympic FC 5 (Nzube Okafor 32', Shane Coffey 36', James Meyer 39' (p), Andrew Oar 53', Chris Hagell 86')

An injury hit Bulls outfit welcomed league leaders Olympic to Mareeba on Saturday with coach Peter Tokesi optimistic of their chances despite missing five players due to injury. Robert Pendenzana made the most of his chance in the Bulls side with a well taken goal in only the 2nd minute. Defender Renzo Franco scored a second for the home team in the 27th minute to take the score to 2-0 and an upset seemed on the cards with Olympic struggling to break down a resilient defence. The shock of going further in front seemed to cause the Bulls players to lose concentration and Olympic took full advantage scoring three goals in the space of seven minutes thanks to Nzube Okafor, Shane Coffey and James Meyer.

Olympic would hold onto the lead for the rest of the game, at one point leading 5-2 late in the game only for George Koroma and Steven Cater to pull back two goals for the Bulls in what proved to be an entertaining match.

By Jarrod Ellis

In Brisbane

QSL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
1 Olympic FC	16	14	1	1	51	14	37	43
2 Brisbane Strikers	15	11	2	2	52	17	35	35
3 Sunshine Coast	16	9	2	5	39	24	15	29
4 Redlands C Devils	16	9	1	6	40	23	17	28
5 Queensland AoS	16	7	3	6	33	29	4	24
6 NQ Razorbacks	15	7	2	6	27	23	4	23
7 Logan United FC	16	6	4	6	26	31	-5	22
8 Capricorn Cougars	15	5	1	9	24	44	-20	16
9 FNQ Bulls	15	4	3	8	26	36	-10	15
10 Whitsunday Miner	15	2	2	11	24	40	-16	8
11 Bundaberg Spirit	15	0	1	14	8	69	-61	1

PORTER'S DISMISSAL AIDS UNDER PAR KNIGHTS

Football is often described as the beautiful game, due to the skills and movement on display. Sadly this game was a far removed from the beautiful game as there were very few fluid moves or glimpses of skill.

In fact the stand out player was former English league player Andy Pettersen in goal for Joondalup, who showed why he had a career overseas in the English professional leagues from 1988 –2005. Called out of retirement to assist Joondalup he was superb, despite ending up on the losing side.

The first half there was really nothing to report apart from squandered chances by the Western Knights. The worst offenders being Devlin who headed wide in the 20th minute when unmarked, and then headed straight at Pettersen in the 36th minute. Cormac Dawson should have scored in the 19th minute when he found himself unmarked at the back post after receiving the ball from a flicked on header, but he was slow to react and then only found the side-netting.

Joondalup only created one clear cut opportunity in the first half when Knight's defender David Annall slipped and Tommy Amphlett seized on his error and surged into the penalty area, but he too could only find the side-netting.

In the 58th minute Knight's coach Paul Price made a change taking off Mario Marcinko and replacing him with Duane Hepburn, Marcinko having injured his groin.

Three minutes later came the crucial turning point in the game, Steve Porter jumped into a challenge with David Annall. It was ill timed and high rather than having malice a forethought, but it was bad enough for him to receive a straight red card from the referee.

Three minutes after that the Knights had taken the lead and the ungainly Hepburn had broken the deadlock. A long hopeful ball was played forward, Pettersen came off his line, Hepburn beat Scot Blackmore to the bouncing ball and his looping header went over the stranded Pettersen and the Knights were 1-0 up.

Soon after Joondalup also made a change, Joseph Lado replaced Benson- Cooper who had run out of legs. Once again the substitution paid dividends, as Joondalup equalised in the 72nd minute.

Sammut brought down a clearance in the midfield and played the ball back to McDarby, who surged up the middle of the park and as he crossed the half way line released Lado. The young gangly striker looked to have knocked the ball too far ahead of himself as the Knight's keeper Khuen came off his line, but he coolly lifted the ball over the diving keeper and watched it nestle in the back of the net.

This goal buoyed 10-man Joondalup and Amphlett could well have given them the lead in the 79th minute when he found himself through with just the 'keeper to beat. He decided to take his shot early at the edge of the box and Khuen did well to tip his shot over the crossbar.

Three minutes later he was left to rue that missed opportunity, as once again the Knights chose route one, the long ball, and once again it paid dividends. Hepburn again won the ball in the air, and his flick on fell to Campbell, who running to his left managed to fire the ball between Pettersen's legs as he came off his line to close the striker down.

Pettersen had been valiant all day with his handling being exemplary as the Knights bombarded his box with aerial attacks. In the 83rd minute he pulled off a wonderful save to deny Campbell, after Devlin's pinpoint cross gave the striker a free header at the back post.

Unluckily from the resultant corner, Pettersen came off his line to punch in a crowded penalty area. His punch was weak and fell to Dawson at the edge of the box, and on the volley he drilled a shot goal-wards that evaded the stranded Pettersen and sealed the game for the Western Knights.

In the other games a resurgent Cockburn City under former Perth Glory Defender Scot Miller won 4-0 at Swan United. While Armadale who last week had been knocked out of the Soccer Pools Cup by Floreat Athena, reversed the result this week, and severely dented Floreat's title aspirations. Bowyer opened the scoring for Armadale just before half time and Barrera equalised for Floreat, but Ramires scored the winner in the 67th minute for Armdale. Mandurah City who spent a lot in the close season to try and take the title twice had to come from behind against Stirling Lions to finish the day with a draw. Last season's champions Sorrento stumbled again, and once again it was Rory Grant, who scored in the cup final against them last year who settled the game for Inglewood in the 78th minute. The game having been tied up at 1-1 until that point. Top of the table Perth took on Canning City in a late game on Sunday.

By Ashley Morrison

In Perth

WA RESULTS

First Team

Swan United 0 Cockburn City 4 (Jelen 44, 59, Pretorious 73, Grico 81,); Armadale 2 (Bowyer 43, Ramirez 67,) Floreat Athena 1(Barrera 61,); Mandurah City 2 (O'Callaghan 29, 48,) Stirling Lions 2 (Mirco 12, Clevenger 38,); Sorrento 1 (Banks 49,) Inglewood United 2 (Kovacevic 65, Grant 78,); Western Knights 3 (Hepburn 63, Campbell 82, Dawson 84,) ECU Joondalup 1 (Lado 72,).

Sunday 12 July 2009
Perth SC v Canning City

Reserves

Swan United 1 Cockburn City 1; Armadale 3 Floreat Athena 1; Mandurah City 1 Stirling Lions 2; Sorrento 3 Inglewood United 2; Western Knights 3 ECU Joondalup 2.

Under 18's

Swan United 2 Cockburn City 3; Armadale 4 Floreat Athena 3; Mandurah City 2 Stirling Lions 5; Sorrento 4 Inglewood United 3; Western Knights 1 ECU Joondalup 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
1 Perth SC	11	9	1	1	36	15	21	28
2 Western Knights	12	9	1	2	27	15	12	28
3 Floreat Athena	12	8	0	4	24	19	5	24
4 Mandurah City	12	5	3	4	22	17	5	18
5 Cockburn City	12	5	2	5	25	21	4	17
6 Inglewood United	12	5	2	5	18	24	-6	17
7 Canning City	11	5	1	5	24	25	-1	16
9 Swan United	12	4	2	6	18	24	-6	14
8 Sorrento	12	3	3	6	25	27	-2	12
10 ECU Joondalup	12	3	1	8	20	30	-10	10
11 Armadale	12	2	3	7	19	29	-10	9
12 Stirling Lions	12	2	3	7	20	32	-12	9

UNITED RESCUE POINT IN BALKAN DERBY

The much-anticipated derby between NSW Premier League leaders Sydney United and the Bonnyrigg White Eagles ended in a 1-1 draw.

The Serbian-backed White Eagles took the lead in the first half through their prolific striker Almir Dizdaric, but United's Croatian import Davor Bajsic rescued a point for the league's runaway leaders with a well-struck free kick shortly before the close.

Bankstown City strengthened their hold on second place with a 2-1 victory in the always passionate derby against Sydney Olympic. All the goals came in the second half, Brett Studman opening the scoring for the Macedonian-backed club with a crisp volley following a corner. An own goal from Mirko Jurilj put Bankstown two ahead, and Chris Triantis' deflected shot soon afterwards ultimately made no difference.

Manly United, with two games in hand on the leading two, kept up their challenge by beating cellar-dwellers Wollongong FC 2-0 away from home. Marconi's fading premiership hopes were dealt a blow as they lost 3-2 to the improving West Sydney Berries at home, in a thrilling match. The Berries were 2-0 up at the break thanks to their captain John Tsironis, but goals from Nahuel Arrarte and Tim McGowan in the final ten minutes brought Lee Sterrey's side level, only for Berries substitute Marjan Novotni to steal the points with an 89th-minute winner. Sutherland, another team in the top five, failed to make up any ground on the leaders as they drew 0-0 at home with APIA in an engaging encounter. Details can be found below.

A 1-1 draw at the Gabbie between Blacktown City and Penrith-Nepean United did neither side's faint hopes of making the finals any good. Greg Kondek gave Penrith a first-half lead, but Blacktown dominated the second period and equalised five minutes from the close, through Gavin Forbes.

Match of the Day
Sutherland Sharks 0-0 APIA-Leichhardt Tigers

Despite holding the initiative for most of the evening, the fourth-placed Sutherland Sharks failed to find the all-important breakthrough against the struggling APIA-Leichhardt (Sydney) Tigers. In a cruelly ironic twist, the man mainly responsible for keeping the Sharks at bay was their own ex-keeper, Phil Zabaks, who had a splendid game for the visitors.

The lively Matthew Hall, displacing the unavailable Jim Bakis on the right side of Sutherland's midfield, was the centre of attention in the opening minutes. The crowd had barely taken their seats when he played in Michael Katz on the right for a tight-angled shot which Zabaks held. On the quarter-hour, Hall found space for himself on the right with a twisting run, but sent his left-footed shot straight at his former teammate. Three minutes later, it was Hall again, this time crossing from the right for Brad Boardman to head just over the APIA bar.

There were two more chances for the home side around the mid-point of the first period: Panny Nikas pounced on a loose ball in midfield but failed to get his shot on target, and soon afterwards Nick Stavroulakis cleverly played in Boardman, who pivoted sharply and sent a left-footed shot at goal, which took a deflection before being snatched by the alert Zabaks. Katz had another chance, this time from a header, on 26 minutes, and shortly after the half-hour Nikas's corner rebounded to him, and his floated cross was headed onto the bar by Neil Jablonski. It was all Sutherland.

The visitors did manage a shot on target on 35 minutes, although it was another ex-Sutherland player in Shane Lyons who provided it, and Sutherland keeper Nathan Denham gathered with ease. Then it was down the other end again; Katz moved across goal from his right-back position but blazed wide, while Ben Spruce crossed for another header by Boardman, which was again well held by Zabaks. APIA almost went into the sheds with an unlikely lead when Franco Parisi, quiet thus far, sent a sweetly-weighted ball through for Robert Younis on the left; the former Adelaide United striker whacked the ball goalwards, and Denham did well to punch the ball over the byline.

Sutherland maintained their ascendancy in the second period. Nikas twice went close from 20 yards in the opening minutes, and after a half-chance for APIA's Bishara Stephan, Michael Katz again wormed his way into the box and let fly with his left foot, only to find Zabaks on his mettle once more. On 58 minutes, Nikas was presented with a free kick just outside the area; his well-struck shot required a brilliant save from Zabaks.

The APIA keeper showed he was human on 62 minutes when he fumbled a cross from Chris Price, but Hall failed to capitalise. Price was also involved twelve minutes later, when his enterprising left-wing run ended with a good low cross which Boardman side-footed just wide of the far post. Sutherland cursed their former gloveman again two minutes later, when Nikas turned his defender just inside the box and shot crisply at goal with his left foot, for Zabaks to make another fine save.

The home side pressed on: Nikas had another half-chance five minutes from the end, but Zabaks' positioning was faultless. As the clock ticked down, Hall cut in from the right but fizzed a shot wide, while Jablonski sent a cut-back from Katz over the bar from six yards just before the whistle blew. A lucky point for APIA, and a frustrating night for Sutherland as they fight to stay in the top five.

FNSW RD 19 RESULTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	P
1 Sydney United	19	11	6	2	37	19	18	39
2 Bankstown City	19	11	4	4	37	26	11	37
3 Marconi Stallions	18	9	4	5	39	19	20	31
4 Manly United FC	17	8	6	3	25	17	8	30
5 Sutherland Sharks	19	7	8	4	37	24	13	29
6 Sydney Olympic	19	8	3	8	34	36	-2	27
7 Bonnyrigg White E	18	6	7	5	25	30	-5	25
8 West Syd Berries	19	6	5	8	28	35	-7	23
9 Penrith Nepean U	19	6	4	9	19	28	-9	22
10 Blacktown City	19	4	7	8	21	27	-6	19
11 Sydney Tigers	19	4	6	9	22	29	-7	18
12 Wollongong FC	19	1	2	16	12	46	-34	5

TELECHOICE PREMIER LEAGUE: ROUND 19: FIRST GRADE: Wollongong FC 0 Manly United FC 2 (Ashley Ryan 54m Andrew Mailer 93m), Bankstown City 2 (Brett Studman 60m Own goal 70m) Sydney Olympic 1 (Chris Triantis 80m), Sydney United 1 (Davor Bajsic 88m) Bonnyrigg White Eagles 1 (Steven Bozinovski 14m). Sutherland Sharks 0 Sydney Tigers 0, Marconi Stallions 2 (Nahuel Arrarte 60m Tim McGowan 86m) West Sydney Berries 3 (John Tsironis 19/34m Marjan Novotni 89m), Blacktown City Demons 1 (Gavin Forbes 85m) Penrith Nepean United 1 (Gregory Kondek 14m).

By Mike Salter

In Sydney

TILFORD ZEBRAS CLING TO LEAD IN TASMANIA

Tilford Zebras recovered from their wobbles and got back on track with a 4-1 away win over sixth-placed Clarence United at Wentworth Park on Saturday, which kept them three points ahead of second-placed and reigning champions South Hobart on the Forestry Tasmania Southern Premier League ladder.

South Hobart stayed on the Zebras' heels by downing Kingborough Lions United 2-0 at home at Washington Street on Saturday.

Clarence had beaten New Town Eagles 2-0 during the week to move up from second-last to sixth spot and dump Eagles to second-last place.

Luke Cripps netted twice, one of the goals coming from a penalty.

Against Zebras, however, Cripps missed a spot-kick which would have made it 1-1, Kurt Engels having given Zebras the lead with a fine chip after a mere 50 seconds.

Matt Hall made it 2-0 in the 48th minute before Cripps pulled a goal back on the hour by controlling a cross and finishing clinically from close range.

Hall restored the Zebras' two-goal buffer before Dwayne Walsh, a former Clarence player, sealed the win with the Zebras' fourth in the 75th minute.

After an even and goalless first half, Gary Upton put South Hobart ahead against the Lions with a centre-cum-cross from deep on the right that sailed over goalkeeper David Leamey and lodged inside the far top corner of the net.

Substitute Julius Ross made it 2-0 in the 75th minute when he headed home Liam Scott's cross from the left.

University are in last place but came close to beating third-ranked Glenorchy Knights at KGV Park on Friday evening.

Knights won 3-2, but University's Michael Andrews scored a stunning own-goal to make it 2-2 with half an hour remaining.

Amadu Koroma gave Knights a 32nd-minute lead, but Nigel Blundell made it 1-1 with a superb strike from 20 metres five minutes later.

Rory McCallum's powerful header from Andrew King's cross gave the Students a 2-1 lead at the break.

Knights substitute Mathew Nowicki hit the winner in the 81st minute from Jade Clay's low cross from the right.

New Town Eagles edged four points ahead of University with a 1-1 draw at home against fourth-placed Hobart Olympic at Clare Street on Saturday.

Alex Gordon put Eagles in front in the 38th minute, but Olympic drew level with a penalty midway through the second half.

Chris Wass fouled Chris Tsimiklis, who converted the spot-kick himself.

In the Forestry Tasmania Northern Premier League, Northern Rangers stayed top after downing Launceston City 4-0 away at Mitsubishi Park.

Ulverstone beat Prospect Knights 3-1, and Somerset overcame bottom-side Launceston United 4-1.

The Devonport City versus Burnie United match was abandoned after 54 minutes, with Burnie leading 1-0, because of poor ground conditions.

Clarence's Ben Hamlett (centre) missed two good chances against Tilford Zebras

By Walter Pless

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TAS SOUTHERN LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Tilford Zebras	17	11	2	4	66	35	35
South Hobart	15	10	2	3	36	10	32
Glenorchy Knights	16	10	1	5	40	33	31
Hobart Olympic	17	6	3	8	26	42	21
Kingboro Lions U	15	4	5	6	34	37	17
Clarence United	15	5	2	8	25	35	17
New Town Eagles	16	4	3	9	28	37	15
University	15	3	2	10	14	40	11

TAS NORTHERN LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Northern Rangers	13	9	2	2	35	10	29
Devonport City	11	8	1	2	38	16	25
Somerset	13	8	1	4	33	18	25
Ulverstone	13	7	0	6	26	22	21
Prospect Knights	11	6	1	4	25	18	19
Riverside Olympic	11	6	0	5	29	21	18
Burnie United	11	4	0	7	23	29	12
Launceston City	11	2	1	8	12	29	7

MENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE: North-West: Tullamarine Jets 3 (M Tankir M Al Kazimi 2) Yarra Jets 0, Northern Utd 1 (C Dickson) Northern Roosters 2 (A Turgut a uguz), Broadmeadows Utd 4 (M Yilmaz 2 S Gorgun Y Celik) Altona North 1 (A Whatmore), Moreland Wolves 0 Heidelberg Stars 3 (M Ahmed), Res: Tullamarine Jets 0 Yarra Jets 1, Northern Utd 4 Northern Roosters 3, Broadmeadows Utd 2 Altona North 1, Moreland Wolves 1 Heidelberg Stars 0

South-East: Harrisfield Hurricanes 1 (JT Wynne) Caulfield Grammarians 2 (A Fleming C Donlevy), Manningham 1 (A Husseini) Dandenong Warriors 2 (J Young 2), Parkmore Ringwood City, Res: Harrisfield Hurricanes 0 Caulfield Grammarians 4, Manningham 7 Dandenong Warriors 5, Parkmore 1 Ringwood City 0

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE: Div 1: Whitehorse Utd 4 (M Ryan VJ Castro AH Lewis J Traynor) South Yarra 1 (MJ Green), Whittlesea Stallions 0 Altona City 11 (S Sikic E Fonua 2 A Potter 4 L Humphreys 2), Monbulk 1 (AM Whetham) South Springvale 1 (M Batinic), Bayswater Strikers 2 (K Harrold AE Mckillen) Uni. of Melbourne 1 (EK La Greca), Ballarat Lady Devils (BDSA) 3 (D Martin E Williams SJ Gentle) Brighton 1 (M Wyszomirska), Res: Whitehorse Utd 2 South Yarra 1, Whittlesea Stallions 0 Altona City 18, Monbulk 0 South Springvale 3, Bayswater Strikers 0 Uni. of Melbourne 2, Ballarat Lady Devils (BDSA) 4 Brighton 1

Div 2 North-West: Western Suburbs 7 (M Reeves E Antoniadis D Castaneda J Padic K Pantelidis 2 EL Noulas) Melton 1 (T Abela), Melbourne Bears 5 (A Babic 3 C Akbulat) North Geelong 0, Bundoora Utd 4 (S Oddo S Peluso AC Koulousianis L Turco) Darebin Falcons 1 (S Van Themsche), Western Eagles 2 (C Sliwinski G McGrory-Perich) Fawkner Blues 0

Div 2 South-East: Mornington Flames 2 (N Dempster 2) Mooroolbark 3 (A Snijders M Salomons S Waight), Monash University 1 (N Herrera) Sandringham 1 (S Rogers), Albert Park 5 (JL Newberry J Wickham M Quinn TL Colvin JM Bulloch) Beaumaris 0, Southern Suburbs 2 (T Moutafis) Berwick City 2 (E Heeger (Rault) L Grant)

Div 3 North-West: Maribyrnong Utd 3 (F Mandiola 2 J Canepa) Epping City 1 (M Nicolazzo), Melbourne Tornado 1 (J Baluyot) Keilor Park 15 (D Iesue T Tisocco 4 C Gluhak 3 M Emond 3 M Kasalo M Dobrilovic 3), Cairnlea WSC 6 (K Theodorou K Cirvac 5) FC Bulleen Lions 5, Diamond Valley Utd 7 (S Gooney 3 KL Bouwmeester 2 E Blair KM Cseh) Sunshine Georgies 0,

Div 3 South=East: Endeavour Utd Knox City , South Melbourne 1 (SJ Wilson) Ashburton 6 (B Thomas 2 A Shaw W Lopez M Murray 2), East Bentleigh 4 (T Horton 2 CC Abriani K Evans) Old Carey 0,

WOMENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE: North-West: Sydenham Park 1 (M Bogoevska) Lalor 0, Tullamarine Jets 1 Brunswick City 7, North City Lions 2 Brunswick Zebras 1 (A Lithgow-Crofts)

South-East: Bayswater Strikers 0 Langwarrin 6, Dandenong City 7 Dandenong Sparrows 1, Croydon City Arrows 7 Ringwood City 0, Box Hill Inter 4 Monash University 0

Central: Albert Park WSC 1 Watsonia Heights WSC 2, Yarra Jets 8 Sandringham 0, DOC United WFC 2 Uni. of Melbourne 0

Mens Metropolitan League North-West	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Heidelberg Stars	12	9	2	1	36	14	29
Tullamarine Jets	12	8	0	4	25	10	24
Northern Roosters	12	7	1	4	26	17	22
Yarra Jets	12	7	1	4	26	25	22
Northern Utd	11	6	0	5	23	21	18
Broadmeadows Utd	11	5	2	4	22	23	17
Moreland Wolves	12	2	0	10	11	25	6
Altona North	12	0	0	12	12	46	0

Mens Metropolitan League North-West Reserves	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Heidelberg Stars	12	8	1	3	34	16	25
Broadmeadows Utd	12	8	0	4	25	17	24
Tullamarine Jets	12	7	1	4	39	20	22
Moreland Wolves	12	7	1	4	25	26	22
Northern Utd	12	6	2	4	23	20	20
Yarra Jets	12	6	1	5	25	23	19
Altona North	12	2	0	10	17	43	6
Northern Roosters	12	0	2	10	11	34	2

Mens Metropolitan League South-East	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Caulfield Grammarians	11	8	1	2	24	10	25
Parkmore	10	8	0	2	24	11	24
Ringwood City	9	7	1	1	26	14	22
Dandenong Warriors	10	4	1	5	17	22	13
St. Kevins	11	3	0	8	11	21	9
Harrisfield Hurricanes	11	2	2	7	15	26	8
Manningham	12	2	1	9	19	32	7

Mens Metropolitan League South-East Reserves	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Caulfield Grammarians	11	6	2	3	21	19	20
Ringwood City	11	6	1	4	24	14	19
Parkmore	11	6	1	4	25	23	19
Dandenong Warriors	11	5	3	3	37	28	18
Harrisfield Hurricanes	11	3	4	4	17	19	13
St. Kevins	11	3	3	5	24	29	12
Manningham	12	2	2	8	21	37	8

Womens State League Div 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona City	10	10	0	0	47	2	30
Ballarat Lady Devils (BDSA)	10	7	1	2	37	14	22
South Springvale	10	6	1	3	18	14	19
Whitehorse Utd	10	5	2	3	18	13	17
Bayswater Strikers	10	5	1	4	28	19	16
Uni. of Melbourne	10	5	0	5	15	13	15
Brighton	10	4	0	6	13	29	12
South Yarra	10	2	1	7	12	24	7
Monbulk	10	1	4	5	8	20	7
Whittlesea Stallions	10	0	0	10	4	52	0

Womens State League Div 1 Reserves	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Uni. of Melbourne	10	9	0	1	25	1	27
Altona City	10	8	1	1	43	10	25
Ballarat Lady Devils (BDSA)	10	6	2	2	22	12	20
Bayswater Strikers	10	5	2	3	33	18	17
South Springvale	10	5	2	3	26	12	17
Brighton	10	4	1	5	23	19	13
Whitehorse Utd	10	2	3	5	10	24	9
South Yarra	10	1	3	6	10	21	6
Monbulk	10	1	3	6	7	24	6
Whittlesea Stallions	10	0	1	9	4	62	1

Womens State League Div 2 North-West	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bundoora Utd	9	8	1	0	43	7	25
La Trobe University	8	7	1	0	37	3	22
Western Eagles	9	7	0	2	24	5	21
Western Suburbs	9	5	0	4	19	18	15
Fawkner Blues	9	4	1	4	14	19	13
Melbourne Bears	9	3	0	6	14	27	9
North Geelong	9	1	2	6	3	26	5
Darebin Falcons	9	1	1	7	11	30	4
Melton	9	1	0	8	7	37	3

Womens State League Div 2 South-East	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doncaster Rovers	10	9	1	0	28	6	28
Berwick City	10	7	2	1	51	9	23
Ashburton	10	5	3	2	25	12	18
Sandringham	10	4	3	3	17	17	15
Beaumaris	10	4	1	5	13	37	13
Albert Park	10	3	3	4	18	14	12
Mornington Flames	10	4	0	6	20	22	12
Monash University	10	2	3	5	11	15	9
Mooroolbark	10	2	1	7	11	36	7
Southern Suburbs	10	1	1	8	8	34	4

Womens State League Div 3 North-West	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cairnlea WSC	9	9	0	0	63	13	27
Keilor Park	9	7	0	2	51	12	21
Diamond Valley Utd	9	6	1	2	28	12	19
FC Bulleen Lions	9	6	0	3	46	16	18
Brunswick Zebras	8	4	0	4	23	21	12
Sunshine Georgies	9	2	1	6	13	38	7
Maribyrnong Utd	9	2	1	6	10	39	7
Epping City	9	2	0	7	13	32	6
Melbourne Tornado	9	0	1	8	5	69	1

Womens State League Div 3 South-East	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Noble Park	7	7	0	0	34	3	21
North Caulfield	7	6	0	1	23	7	18
Endeavour Utd	7	4	1	2	24	16	13
Ashburton	8	3	1	4	26	23	10
Old Carey	8	3	0	5	20	28	9
East Bentleigh	8	2	1	5	10	23	7
Knox City	7	1	2	4	5	24	5
South Melbourne	8	0	3	5	9	27	3

Womens Metropolitan League North-West	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North City Lions	9	7	1	1	41	14	22
Sydenham Park	8	6	0	2	26	10	18
Brunswick City	9	5	2	2	34	15	17
Lalor	9	4	2	3	35	13	14
Brunswick Zebras	9	4	0	5	40	18	12
Mitchell Rangers	8	2	1	5	8	29	7
Tullamarine Jets	10	0	0	10	6	91	0

Womens Metropolitan League South-East	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter	10	10	0	0	66	6	30
Langwarrin	10	9	0	1	46	10	27
Croydon City Arrows	10	6	1	3	35	15	19
Dandenong City	8	5	0	3	29	18	15
Ringwood City	10	2	1	7	15	31	7
Dandenong Sparrows	9	2	1	6	19	55	7
Monash University	10	1	2	7	14	31	5
Bayswater Strikers	9	0	1	8	7	65	1

Womens Metropolitan League Central	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Yarra Jets	9	9	0	0	49	3	27
Elwood City	8	6	0	2	26	11	18
DOC United WFC	9	5	2	2	15	4	17
Albert Park WSC	9	4	0	5	13	20	12
Watsonia Heights WSC	9	4	0	5	18	34	12
Uni. of Melbourne	9	3	2	4	12	15	11
Sandringham	9	3	0	6	6	20	9
Swinburne University WSC	8	1	1	6	9	19	4
Fitzroy City	8	1	1	6	10	32	4

Football Federation Victoria: Junior Results - July 10 to July 12 2009
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Boys 18 Super League: Doncaster Rovers 6 Keilor Park 1 (V Commisso), South Melbourne 3 Fawkner 0, Sandringham City Springvale White Eagles , Green Gully 2 FC Bulleen Lions 0, Bundoora Utd 5 Essendon Royals 2

Boys S/E 16 Super: FC Bulleen Lions 2 South Melbourne 2, Richmond 2 Nunawading City 2, Oakleigh 2 Mornington 1, Dandenong City 9 North Caulfield 1, Langwarrin 4 Berwick City 2

Boys S/E 15 Super: FC Bulleen Lions 1 South Melbourne 1, Richmond 2 Peninsula 1, Sandringham City 0 Monash City 4, Oakleigh 0 Knox City 1, Beaumaris 2 Berwick City 3

Boys S/E 14 Super: FC Bulleen Lions 4 Croydon City Arrows 0, Richmond 5 Dandenong Thunder 2, Sandringham City 5 Mornington 1, Oakleigh 1 Monash City 3,

Boys S/E 13 Super: FC Bulleen Lions 1 South Melbourne 0, Richmond 4 Box Hill Inter 0, Sandringham City 3 Mornington 0, Brighton 0 Monash City 2, Knox City 0 South Eastern Piranhas 3

Boys N/W 16 Super: Altona Magic 4 Sunshine Georgies 0, Sunshine Heights 0 Preston Lions 1, Essendon Royals 1 Whittlesea Stallions 1

Boys N/W 15 Super: Brunswick City 1 Melbourne Knights 0, Brimbank Stallions 1 Altona East 1, Keilor Park 1 Hume City 1, Epping City 2 Whittlesea Stallions 1, Green Gully 0 Essendon Royals 0

Boys N/W 14 Super: Keilor Park 1 Melbourne Knights 0, Bundoora Utd 5 Gisborne 2, North City Lions 2 Brunswick Zebras 3, Essendon Royals 4 Whittlesea Stallions 0

Boys N/W 13 Super: Brunswick City 0 Melbourne Knights 2, Light Utd 1 Hume City 1, Keilor Park 2 Hoppers Crossing 0, GRFA 1 Whittlesea Stallions 2,

Boys Metro 18 Blue: Ballarat & District SA 5 Pascoe Vale 1, Western Eagles 2 Essendon Utd 2,

Boys Metro 18 Purple: Heidelberg Utd 5 Richmond 6, Northcote City 1 Preston Lions 4

Boys 18 Sth: Casey Comets 1 2 Dandenong City 2, Baxter 6 Casey Comets 2 1, Brandon Park 1 Keysborough 2, Bayside Knights FC 6 Langwarrin 0, Beaumaris 2 Berwick City 3

Boys South 16 A: East Bentleigh 2 Peninsula 1, Brighton 0 Dandenong Thunder 2, Sandringham City 3 Langwarrin 1, Dandenong City 6 Beaumaris 0, Doveton 1 Berwick City 0

Boys South 16 B: Casey Comets 1 Springvale White Eagles 2, Brighton 2 Carrum Utd 0, Bayside Knights FC 3 Endeavour Utd 2, Baxter 3 Beaumaris 1

Boys South 15 A: Hampton Park Utd 0 Brighton 2, Harrisfield Hurricanes 1 Hampton 1, Sandringham City 0 Mornington 10,

Boys South 15 B: East Bentleigh 1 Brighton 2, Mornington 2 Dandenong City 0, Seaford Utd 3 Casey Comets 1, White Star Dandenong 2 Berwick City 5

Boys South 15 C: Rosebud 2 Peninsula 1 5, Bayside Knights FC 2 Keysborough 3, Sandringham City 2 Hampton 8, Brighton 4 East Bentleigh 2, Baxter 0 Peninsula 2 2

Boys South 14 A: East Bentleigh 0 Brighton 0, Doveton 0 Endeavour Utd 10, Dandenong City 5 Berwick City 1

Boys South 14 B: Peninsula 0 Brighton 1 1, Mornington 3 Carrum Utd 1, Brighton 2 0 Langwarrin 1, Casey Comets 4 Springvale White Eagles 4

Boys South 14 C: Hampton Park Utd 2 Brighton 0, Lyndale Utd 10 Cardinia United Junior Soccer Club 0, Peninsula 2 East Bentleigh 0, Beaumaris 0 Bentleigh Greens 4

Boys South 13 A: Casey Comets 4 Brighton 0, Sandringham City 0 Hampton 1, Peninsula 1 Beaumaris 5, Doveton 0 Berwick City 0

Boys South 13 B: Dandenong Thunder 16 Brighton 0, Mornington 0 South Springvale 7, East Bentleigh 1 Langwarrin 1, Beaumaris 0 Berwick City 4

Boys South 13 C: East Bentleigh 1 Seaford Utd 2, Harrisfield Hurricanes 0 Casey Panthers 4, Doveton 0 Hampton 1, Lyndale Utd 0 Keysborough 3,

Boys South 13 D: Westernport SC 2 Carrum Utd 5, Sandringham City 11 Cardinia United Junior Soccer Club 0, Seaford Utd 0 Beaumaris 1 2, Baxter Casey Comets

Boys South 12 A: GSL 0 Springvale White Eagles 2, Southern Stars 0 South Eastern Piranhas 6, Brighton 6 Beaumaris 1, Langwarrin 0 Berwick City 0

Boys South 12 B: Hampton Park Utd 6 Peninsula 1, Mornington 0 Dandenong City 0, Sandringham City 1 Endeavour Utd 1, Brighton 2 Doveton 2,

Boys South 12 C: Casey Comets 2 Brighton 2 0, Aspendale 3 Hampton 2, Brighton 1 1 East Bentleigh 6, Beaumaris 0 Berwick City 0

Boys South 12 D: East Bentleigh 3 Brighton 1, Dandenong City 0 Carrum Utd 7, Langwarrin 6 Aspendale 0, Baxter 0 Berwick City 0

Boys South 12 E: Casey Comets 0 Bayside Argonauts 3, White Star Dandenong 17 Casey Panthers 0, Bayside Knights FC 0 Keysborough 0, Kingston City 0 Westernport SC 0

Boys South 11 Green: Berwick City 0 South Eastern Piranhas 0, Brighton 3 Dandenong Thunder 0, Casey Comets 0 Hampton 5, Mornington 0 Sandringham City 6, Peninsula 14 Langwarrin 0

Boys South 11 Red: Brighton 1 Heatherton Utd 1, Sandringham City 4 Mornington 2,

Boys South 11 Blue: Hampton Park Utd 12 Springvale White Eagles 1, Mornington 6 Rosebud 0, Baxter 1 Brighton 2

Boys South 11 Orange: Brighton 6 Aspendale 0, Mornington 1 Carrum Utd 4, Peninsula 2 Seaford Utd 2,

Boys Sth 11 Jo Gr: East Bentleigh 2 Peninsula 3, Doveton 2 Dandenong City 3, Sandringham City 0 James Cook FC 4, Berwick City 1 Brighton 2 0, Beaumaris 4 Brighton 1 1

Boys 18 Ea Or: Sherbrooke Rangers 1 Brighton 2, Northcote City 0 Riversdale 1, Nunawading City 0 Manningham 3

Boys 18 Ea Yell: Ashburton 2 Oakleigh 3, Waverley Victory FC 0 Glen Waverley 10, Eastern Lions 6 East Bentleigh 1, Knox City 1 Mooroolbark 2,

Boys Sth Ea 13 D: Knox City 4 Croydon City Arrows 2, Ashburton 4 Sandringham City 0, Doncaster Rovers 0 Ringwood City 1, Hampton Park Utd 3 Brighton 0

Boys East 16 A: Manningham 2 Doncaster Rovers 1, Richmond 1 Eastern Lions 4, Riversdale 1 Oakleigh 0

Boys East 16 B: Ashburton 0 Doncaster Rovers 2, Brandon Park 3 Richmond 1, Boroondara Eagles 2 Port Melbourne 3,

Boys East 16 C: Manningham 6 East Bentleigh 0, Sherbrooke Rangers 6 Ashburton 0, Boronia 4 Glen Waverley 3

Boys East 15 A: Malvern City 0 Doncaster Rovers 0, Box Hill Inter 2 North Caulfield 0, Casey Comets 1 Manningham 3, Whitehorse Utd 3 FC Bulleen Lions 1

Boys East 15 B: Melbourne Phoenix 9 Waverley Wanderers 1, Knox City 0 Doncaster Rovers 3, Glen Waverley 0 Whitehorse Utd 7,

Boys East 15 C: Glen Eira 0 Croydon City Arrows 4, Richmond 3 North Caulfield 0, Nunawading City 1 Ringwood City 0, Boroondara Eagles 7 Riversdale 2

Boys East 15 D: Heatherton Utd 16 Croydon City Arrows 1, Rowville Eagles 8 Boronia 3

Boys East 14 A: Knox City 5 Boronia 0, Richmond 0 Box Hill Inter 0, Doncaster Rovers 1 South Melbourne 1, Glen Waverley 3 North Caulfield 0, Riversdale 2 FC Bulleen Lions 1

Boys East 14 B: Waverley Victory FC 8 Port Melbourne 0, Nunawading City 1 Ashburton 8, Boroondara Eagles 4 Manningham 2

Boys East 14 C: Ashburton 0 Sherbrooke Rangers 8, Eastern Lions 12 Oakleigh 0, Caulfield United Cobras 0 Glen Eira 0

Boys East 14 D: Croydon City Arrows 4 Glen Waverley 0, Glen Eira 0 Riversdale 1, Manningham 7 Mooroolbark 0

Boys Ea 14 E: Eastern Lions 0 Malvern City 2,

Boys East 13 A: Melbourne Phoenix 4 Glen Waverley 1, Richmond 0 Doncaster Rovers 0, Oakleigh 5 Nunawading City 0, Box Hill Inter 1 North Caulfield 1, Riversdale 2 FC Bulleen Lions 0

Boys East 13 B: FC Bulleen Lions 5 Sherbrooke Rangers 0, Oakleigh 0 Ashburton 1, Doncaster Rovers 1 Richmond 1, Boroondara Eagles 0 North Caulfield 3, Croydon City Arrows 4 Whitehorse Utd 1

Boys East 13 C: Croydon City Arrows 2 Glen Waverley 2, Ashburton 0 Doncaster Rovers 3, Eastern Lions 2 Boronia 2, Boroondara Eagles 3 Riversdale 0,

Boys East 12 A: FC Bulleen Lions 12 Croydon City Arrows 1, Hampton 0 Doncaster Rovers 0, Box Hill Inter 3 Richmond 0, Eastern Lions 1 Monash City 2, South Melbourne 2 Whitehorse Utd 1

Boys East 12 B: FC Bulleen Lions 1 Box Hill Inter 1, Ashburton 0 Doncaster Rovers 1, Knox Utd 4 Richmond 1, Boroondara Eagles 3 Port Melbourne 2, Knox City 0 Oakleigh 1

Boys East 12 C: Ashburton 0 Caulfield United Cobras 3, Malvern City 6 Sherbrooke Rangers 1, Oakleigh 4 Manningham 0, Riversdale 0 Whitehorse Utd 2

Boys East 12 D: Whitehorse Utd 7 Croydon City Arrows 0, Knox Utd 3 Sherbrooke Rangers 1, Doncaster Rovers 1 Richmond 1, Boroondara Eagles 0 North Caulfield 6,

Boys East 12 E: Glen Waverley 2 1 Glen Eira 4, Whitehorse 1 0 Ashburton 4, Glen Waverley 1 2 North Caulfield 1, Parkmore 0 Mooroolbark 5

Boys East 11 Green: FC Bulleen Lions 7 Croydon City Arrows 0, Whitehorse Utd 0 Box Hill Inter 5, Monash City 5 Ashburton 0, Knox City 9 Oakleigh 1

Boys East 11 Ka Or: Nunawading City 0 Doncaster Rovers 7, Eastern Lions 0 Richmond 3, Glen Waverley 6 North Caulfield 1, Riversdale 1 FC Bulleen Lions 4

Boys E11 Joeys Blue: Knox Utd 2 Richmond 2, Knox City 2 Ashburton 1, Whitehorse Utd 0 Mooroolbark 10,

Boys East 11 Orange: Oakleigh 4 Glen Waverley 0, Ashburton 0 Boronia 4, Doncaster Rovers 0 Sherbrooke Rangers 5, Glen Eira 4 Riversdale 0, Waverley Victory FC 1 FC Bulleen Lions 0

Boys Ea 11 Jo Yell S: Montrose JSC 2 0 East Kew FC 10, Montrose JSC 1 1 Croydon City Arrows 0, Oakleigh 2 14 Mooroolbark 2 1, Oakleigh 1 1 Mooroolbark 1 0

Boys Ea 11 Ka/Jo Yel: Glen Eira 1 Doncaster Rovers 1 3, FC Bulleen Lions 0 Richmond 4, Ashburton 3 North Caulfield 0, Caulfield United Cobras 0 Boroondara Eagles 5

Boys 18 Nth : Westvale 3 South Yarra 0, Whittlesea Stallions 0 Brunswick City 1

Boys North 16 A: Bundoora Utd 2 Diamond Valley Utd 1, Moreland Utd 3 Northcote City 2, Brunswick Zebras 2 Lalor Utd 1

Boys North 16 B: Whittlesea Stallions 3 Carlton Youth 0, Brunswick City 4 Watsonia Heights 1, Light Utd 2 Bundoora Utd 3, Epping City 2 Heidelberg Stars 3,

Boys North 15 A: Light Utd 1 Essendon Royals 2, Bundoora Utd 1 Moreland City 1, Preston Lions 1 Hume Utd 1, Brunswick Zebras 8 (S Carr G Iacobaccio G McDougall 3 A Luca A Abdulkadir 2) Sunbury Utd 1

Boys North 15 B: Clifton Hill 3 Watsonia Heights 0, Meadow Park 3 Bundoora Utd 1, North City Lions 4 Eltham North 2

Boys Nth 15 C: Cairnlea 0 Yarra Jets 6, Moreland Wolves 3 Brunswick Zebras 3,

Boys North 14 A: Fawkner 1 Preston Lions 3, Brunswick Zebras 2 Essendon Royals 1, Epping City 0 Moreland City 3, Diamond Valley Utd 3 Hume Utd 2, Light Utd 3 Brunswick City 2

Boys North 14 B: Alphington 2 Heidelberg Stars 9, Clifton Hill 3 Bundoora Utd 1, Banyule City 2 Yarra Jets 1, Whittlesea Stallions 5 Eltham North 4

Boys North 14 C: Diamond Valley Utd 2 Fawkner 3, Moreland Utd 7 Sunbury Utd 0,

Boys North 13 A: Light Utd 0 Greenvale Utd 3, Moreland City 3 Preston Lions 1, Bundoora Utd 1 Northcote City 2, Brunswick Zebras 0 Essendon Royals 2

Boys North 13 B: Moreland City 0 Essendon Royals 0, Diamond Valley Utd 3 Lalor 0, Plenty Valley Lions 0 Eltham North 2, Alphington 0 Heidelberg Utd 4,

Boys North 13 C: Melbourne Phoenix 3 Watsonia Heights 0, North City Lions 2 Brunswick Zebras 1,

Boys North 12 A: Brunswick Zebras 8 Lalor Utd 0, Bundoora Utd 3 Alphington 1, North City Lions 0 Sunbury Utd 2, Whittlesea Stallions 1 Essendon Royals 7

Boys North 12 B: Brunswick City 2 Moreland Wolves 0, Light Utd 1 Essendon Royals 1, Heidelberg Utd 4 Northcote City 0, Plenty Valley Lions 0 Eltham North 0, Meadow Park 1 Epping City 8

Boys North 12 C: Clifton Hill 0 Bundoora Utd 1, Diamond Valley Utd 1 Brunswick Zebras 1, Moreland Utd 1 Hume Utd 0,

Boys North 12 D: Pascoe Vale 1 Brunswick Zebras 1, Sunshine Georgies 0 Yarra Jets FC 1 6, Yarra Jets FC 2 0 Banyule City 0

Boys Nth 11 Ka Ye: Brunswick City 2 Watsonia Heights 1, Light Utd 3 Epping City 1, Bundoora Utd 6 Northcote City 1, Whittlesea Stallions 1 Hume Utd 2

Boys Nth 11 Ka Bl: Moreland City 4 Lalor Utd 0, Heidelberg Utd 4 Alphington 0, North City Lions 1 Eltham North 2, Brunswick Zebras 2 Essendon Royals 1

Boys Nth 11 Jo Or: Moreland City 3 Heidelberg Stars 3, Diamond Valley Utd 0 Lalor 0, Plenty Valley Lions 0 Brunswick Zebras 1,

Boys Nth 11 Jo Red: DOC United FC 2 Fawkner 1, Clifton Hill 0 Bundoora Utd 1,

Boys West 16 A: Keilor Wolves 7 Keilor Park 2, GRFA 0 Brimbank City 0, Werribee City 4 Altona City 0

Boys West 15 A: GRFA 0 Sydenham Park 0, Melton 1 Werribee City 6

Boys West 15 B: Western Eagles 3 Gisborne 0, St. Albans 2 AVA Seagulls 1, Williamstown 6 Melton 0,

Boys West 14 A: Altona City 1 Geelong 2, Laverton Park 0 Sunshine Georgies 3, BASL 1 Brimbank Stallions 1, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 0 GRFA 2,

Boys West 14 B: Maribyrnong Greens 0 Brimbank City 4, Werribee City 6 Hoppers Crossing 1, Sunshine Georgies 1 Avondale Heights 3

Boys We 14 C: Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 5 Mitchell Rangers 3, Spring Hills 2 Flemington Eagles 3, Bacchus Marsh JSC 4 Williamstown 1, Werribee City 1 Melbourne Lions 1

Boys West 13 A: Altona Magic 6 Keilor Park 0, St. Albans 1 Brimbank Stallions 4, Cairnlea 7 Sydenham Park 0,

Boys West 13 B: Altona City 1 Wyndham Olympic 7, Keilor Wolves 2 Laverton Park 2, Flemington Eagles 0 South Yarra 6, Cairnlea 1 Brimbank Stallions 4, Sunshine Heights 7 Williamstown 0

Boys West 13 C: Upfield 10 Gisborne 1, Bell Park 3 Western Eagles 1, Melton 1 Avondale Heights 0

Boys West 12 A: Altona City 0 South Yarra 1, Hoppers Crossing 5 Sunshine Georgies 0, Keilor Park 3 Brimbank Stallions 0, Melbourne Knights 7 Brimbank City 1,

Boys West 12 B: Altona City 4 Sydenham Park 0, Brimbank Stallions 0 Altona East 2, Keilor Park 3 South Yarra 0, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 1 Maribyrnong Greens 0,

Boys West 12 C: Werribee City 1 Westvale 2, Laverton Park 8 Bacchus Marsh JSC 1, Point Cook FC 0 GRFA 23, Spring Hills 0 Yarraville 11, Hoppers Crossing 1 Cairnlea 9

Boys West 11 Green: Melbourne Knights 0 Altona City 0, Bell Park 3 Hoppers Crossing 0, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 7 St. Albans 1, North Geelong Warriors 1 Brimbank Stallions 0

Boys We 11 Ka Bl: Yarra Jets 0 Essendon Royals 9, Hume City 7 Moreland Wolves 1,

Boys West 11 Red: Altona City 1 Meadow Park 0, Hoppers Crossing 0 Laverton Park 6, Keilor Park 6 South Yarra 0, Cairnlea 10 Point Cook FC 0, Melton 0 Gisborne 0

Boys We 11 Jo Yell: Spring Hills 0 Keilor Park 2, Sydenham Park 1 Sunshine Heights 1 (D Kadlecik), Yarraville 2 Melbourne Lions 1,

Girls Nth We 18: Keilor Wolves 1 Brunswick City 0, Keilor Park 1 Preston Lions 1 (Z Apostolovska)

Girls Sth Ea 18: Boroondara Eagles 2 2 Langwarrin 0, Doncaster Rovers 7 Endeavour Utd 1, Boronia 0 Whitehorse Utd 6, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 East Bentleigh 7

Girls Metro 16 A: Meadow Park 1 GRFA 6, Bundoora Utd 7 Casey Comets 1,

Girls Metro 16 B: East Bentleigh 1 Baxter 0, Hampton Park Utd 1 Peninsula 1, Sandringham City 3 Watsonia Heights 1

Girls N/W 16 C: Altona East 1 Brimbank Stallions 7, Epping City 0 Greenvale Utd 0, Hoppers Crossing 3 Bacchus Marsh JSC 0, Brunswick Zebras 1 Sydenham Park 3,

Girls S/E 16 C: Noble Park 9 Richmond 0, Knox City 1 Croydon City Arrows 1, Springvale White Eagles 4 North Caulfield 1, FC Bulleen Lions 9 Beaumaris 0, Whitehorse Utd 0 Langwarrin 5, Brighton 4 Carrum Utd 1

Girls Metro 15 A: Ashburton 1 Boroondara Eagles 0, Croydon City Arrows 0 Diamond Valley Utd 2, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Sandringham City 3, Essendon Royals 9 Alphington 0

Girls Metro 15 B: Berwick City 5 Brunswick Zebras 0, South Melbourne 2 Kensington JGSC 4, Keilor Park 0 Boroondara Eagles 2, Doncaster Rovers 7 Peninsula 1

Girls Metro 15 C: Dandenong City 2 Baxter 2, Sandringham City 3 Boronia 1, Glen Waverley 2 Langwarrin 1, Oakleigh 3 Brandon Park 0, Sherbrooke Rangers 2 Eastern Lions 1

Girls Metro 15 D: Essendon Royals 0 Whittlesea Stallions 11, Croydon City Arrows 0 Yarra Jets 3,

Girls Metro 14 A: Ashburton 4 Boroondara Eagles 0, Carrum Utd 2 Monash City 1, Brighton 0 Knox City 0, Banyule City 0 Whitehorse Utd 2

Girls Metro 14 B: Brunswick Zebras 1 Bundoora Utd 2, Glen Waverley 4 Glen Eira 0, Nunawading City 0 FC Bulleen Lions 3, Boronia 0 Sydenham Park 7

Girls Metro 14 C: Peninsula 3 Sandringham City 1, Oakleigh 0 Ashburton 3, Keilor Wolves 5 Brighton 0

Girls Metro 14 D: Waverley Victory FC 2 Brunswick City 0, Werribee City 3 Watsonia Heights 0, Langwarrin 0 Cairnlea 6

Girls Metro 13 A: Keilor Park 5 Boroondara Eagles 0, North Caulfield 0 Ashburton 3, Hampton 3 Sandringham City 0, Essendon Royals 0 Richmond 3, Brighton 0 Berwick City 3

Girls Metro 13 B: Brunswick Zebras 0 FC Bulleen Lions 5, St. Albans 4 Oakleigh 1, Ashburton 0 Green Gully 1

Girls Metro 13 C: Croydon City Arrows 2 Sunbury Utd 0, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Sandringham City 7, Banyule City 1 Watsonia Heights 1,

Girls Metro 13 D: Bundoora Utd 3 Glen Waverley 0, Mornington 0 Diamond Valley Utd 3, Meadow Park 0 Knox City 5, Baxter 4 Sydenham Park 0

Girls Metro 12 A: South Yarra 0 Sandringham City 6, Berwick City 3 North Caulfield 0, Banyule City 1 Ashburton 1, Brighton 1 Boroondara Eagles 0,

Girls Metro 12 B: Carrum Utd 0 Richmond 5, Croydon City Arrows 1 Brunswick Zebras 2, East Bentleigh 1 Malvern City 0,

Girls Metro 12 C: Kensington JGSC 0 DOC United FC 2, Essendon Royals 1 Keilor Park 1, Yarra Jets 0 Casey Panthers 1, Diamond Valley Utd 0 FC Bulleen Lions 4

Girls Metro 11 Pink: Boroondara Eagles 0 Richmond 1 2, Ashburton 1 North Caulfield 2, Box Hill Inter 6 Brighton 1, Banyule City 1 St. Albans 2

Girls Metro 11 Purpl: Bayside Knights FC 1 Sandringham City 1 7, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Sandringham City 2 5, Berwick City 1 Whitehorse Utd 1, Peninsula 0 Richmond 2

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Boys 18 Super League	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Melbourne	14	12	2	0	44	8	38
Doncaster Rovers	14	10	4	0	44	18	34
Green Gully	14	8	3	3	35	21	27
Fawkner	14	7	1	6	21	22	22
FC Bulleen Lions	14	5	4	5	36	29	19
South Yarra	13	5	4	4	30	31	19
Brighton	13	5	3	5	29	22	18
Springvale White Eagles	13	5	3	5	33	31	18
Essendon Royals	14	3	2	9	20	35	11
Bundoora Utd	14	3	2	9	25	50	11
Sandringham City	13	1	4	8	22	38	7
Keilor Park	14	2	0	12	20	54	6

Boys S/E 16 Super League	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC Bulleen Lions	10	9	1	0	32	7	28
Dandenong City	10	8	1	1	29	6	25
South Melbourne	10	6	3	1	22	10	21
North Caulfield	10	5	1	4	26	18	16
Nunawading City	10	5	1	4	18	17	16
Oakleigh	10	3	2	5	17	18	11
Langwarrin	10	3	1	6	18	24	10
Richmond	10	2	2	6	13	22	8
Mornington	10	2	2	6	13	28	8
Berwick City	10	0	0	10	6	44	0

Boys S/E 15 Super League	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Monash City	10	7	2	1	24	9	23
Berwick City	10	7	1	2	22	13	22
FC Bulleen Lions	10	6	2	2	23	9	20
Richmond	10	5	1	4	11	11	16
Knox City	10	5	0	5	15	12	15
Beaumaris	10	4	2	4	24	23	14
South Melbourne	10	4	2	4	15	16	14
Peninsula	10	2	2	6	9	16	8
Sandringham City	10	2	1	7	9	25	7
Oakleigh	10	1	1	8	11	29	4

Boys S/E 14 Super League	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Melbourne	9	7	2	0	32	8	23
Berwick City	9	7	1	1	23	4	22
Richmond	10	7	1	2	27	12	22
FC Bulleen Lions	10	6	3	1	24	7	21
Monash City	10	4	3	3	18	13	15
Sandringham City	10	3	3	4	14	21	12
Dandenong Thunder	10	3	1	6	11	26	10
Croydon City Arrows	10	2	1	7	10	25	7
Oakleigh	10	1	3	6	8	19	6
Mornington	10	0	0	10	9	41	0

Boys S/E 13 Super League	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City	10	8	1	1	28	7	25
South Melbourne	10	8	0	2	23	6	24
Richmond	10	7	1	2	21	8	22
South Eastern Piranhas	10	6	1	3	22	9	19
Monash City	10	4	2	4	11	12	14
FC Bulleen Lions	10	4	1	5	8	12	13

Mornington	10	4	1	5	9	19	13
Box Hill Inter	10	2	2	6	3	14	8
Brighton	10	1	1	8	4	24	4
Knox City	10	0	2	8	4	22	2

Boys N/W 16 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona Magic	10	8	2	0	23	5	26
Preston Lions	11	7	3	1	31	9	24
Green Gully	10	5	4	1	20	11	19
Whittlesea Stallions	10	5	1	4	13	8	16
Sunshine Heights	10	4	2	4	23	12	14
Sunshine Georgies	11	4	1	6	17	25	13
Essendon Royals	11	3	3	5	13	21	12
Altona East	9	3	0	6	9	23	9
Keilor Park	10	2	1	7	10	23	7
Melbourne Knights	10	1	1	8	9	31	4

Boys N/W 15 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona East	11	9	2	0	35	3	29
Melbourne Knights	12	8	2	2	41	5	26
Brimbank Stallions	12	7	4	1	26	6	25
Hume City	10	6	2	2	39	14	20
Essendon Royals	12	5	4	3	25	7	19
Green Gully	11	5	3	3	15	13	18
Keilor Park	11	3	1	7	16	24	10
Epping City	11	3	1	7	13	33	10
Brunswick City	12	3	0	9	13	29	9
N.T.C	10	2	0	8	12	42	6
Whittlesea Stallions	12	1	1	10	6	65	4

Boys N/W 14 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brunswick Zebras	11	7	3	1	18	10	24
Essendon Royals	10	7	2	1	27	8	23
Keilor Park	10	7	2	1	23	8	23
Melbourne Knights	10	6	1	3	18	9	19
Bundoora Utd	10	5	1	4	19	17	16
Green Gully	10	3	4	3	11	12	13
North City Lions	10	3	2	5	14	18	11
Altona City	9	2	0	7	13	20	6
Gisborne	10	1	1	8	16	31	4
Whittlesea Stallions	10	0	2	8	7	33	2

Boys N/W 13 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Knights	11	8	1	2	28	8	25
N.T.C	9	7	1	1	23	11	22
Whittlesea Stallions	11	5	5	1	19	8	20
Green Gully	11	5	4	2	13	8	19
GRFA	11	5	2	4	18	9	17
Keilor Park	11	5	2	4	10	8	17
Light Utd	11	3	5	3	14	13	14
Brunswick City	10	3	2	5	11	10	11
Epping City	10	2	1	7	7	26	7
Hume City	11	1	3	7	7	21	6
Hoppers Crossing	12	2	0	10	10	38	6

Boys Metro 18 Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Phoenix	8	8	0	0	30	4	24
Ballarat & District SA	9	5	2	2	29	17	17
Pascoe Vale	9	5	0	4	22	20	15
St. Albans	8	3	2	3	22	16	11
Oakleigh	8	3	1	4	24	21	10
Altona East	7	3	1	3	21	18	10
Cairnlea	8	3	1	4	19	27	10
Essendon Utd	9	1	3	5	11	31	6
Western Eagles	8	0	2	6	9	33	2

Boys Metro 18 Purple

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Heidelberg Utd	9	7	0	2	45	16	21
Richmond	9	6	1	2	23	17	19
Frankston Pines	8	5	0	3	18	14	15
Oakleigh	8	5	0	3	16	13	15
Preston Lions	9	4	1	4	17	10	13
Sunshine Georgies	8	4	0	4	26	23	12
Northcote City	9	4	0	5	15	22	12
Bentleigh Greens	8	1	2	5	11	29	5
Pascoe Vale	8	0	0	8	7	34	0

Boys 18 South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong City	10	8	2	0	50	14	26
Berwick City	10	7	1	2	33	15	22
Casey Comets 1	10	6	2	2	37	20	20
Baxter	10	4	3	3	43	28	15
Bayside Knights FC	10	5	0	5	32	19	15
Keysborough	10	4	3	3	27	24	15
Brandon Park	10	3	2	5	33	34	11
Langwarrin	10	3	1	6	16	27	10
Casey Comets 2	10	3	0	7	24	45	9
Beaumaris	10	0	0	10	9	78	0

Boys South 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
East Bentleigh	10	9	1	0	37	11	28
Dandenong Thunder	10	8	1	1	33	5	25
Dandenong City	10	7	0	3	45	26	21
Brighton	10	5	2	3	34	23	17
Doveton	10	5	1	4	17	25	16
Peninsula	10	3	2	5	21	23	11
Beaumaris	10	3	2	5	22	25	11
Sandringham City	10	3	0	7	22	34	9
Berwick City	10	1	3	6	10	24	6
Langwarrin	10	0	0	10	7	52	0

Boys South 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Springvale White Eagles	10	9	1	0	30	8	28
Bayside Knights FC	10	6	1	3	42	14	19
Bentleigh Greens	9	6	0	3	34	15	18
Casey Comets	10	5	2	3	21	15	17
Endeavour Utd	10	5	1	4	23	18	16
Baxter	10	5	0	5	32	21	15
Carrum Utd	10	4	0	6	29	35	12
James Cook FC	9	4	0	5	21	29	12
Brighton	10	2	0	8	12	45	6
Beaumaris	10	0	1	9	12	56	1

Boys South 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton	9	6	1	2	28	7	19
Hampton Park Utd	9	6	1	2	28	11	19
Harrisfield Hurricanes	9	5	2	2	13	10	17
Endeavour Utd	8	5	1	2	12	11	16
Bentleigh Greens	8	4	2	2	15	10	14
Mornington	9	2	3	4	17	17	9
Hampton	9	1	3	5	7	18	6
Noble Park	8	1	1	6	6	17	4
Sandringham City	9	0	4	5	4	29	4

Boys South 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Berwick City	10	10	0	0	54	10	30
White Star Dandenong	10	7	1	2	39	14	22
Brighton	10	5	1	4	30	22	16
Seaford Utd	10	5	1	4	24	28	16
Mornington	10	3	4	3	19	17	13
East Bentleigh	10	4	1	5	28	28	13
Bentleigh Greens	9	4	1	4	20	20	13
Casey Comets	10	3	1	6	22	31	10
Langwarrin	9	2	2	5	18	28	8
Dandenong City	10	0	0	10	12	68	0

Boys South 15 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keysborough	10	10	0	0	67	5	30

Bayside Knights FC	10	8	0	2	36	11	24
Peninsula 2	10	6	2	2	21	8	20
Brighton	10	6	1	3	40	19	19
Hampton	10	5	2	3	27	17	17
Peninsula 1	10	4	3	3	23	17	15
Baxter	10	2	1	7	13	35	7
Rosebud	10	2	1	7	20	49	7
East Bentleigh	10	0	3	7	11	32	3
Sandringham City	10	0	1	9	10	75	1

Boys South 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Endeavour Utd	9	8	0	1	38	7	24
Dandenong City	9	7	0	2	27	9	21
Keysborough	8	6	0	2	30	12	18
Bentleigh Greens	8	5	0	3	17	14	15
Doveton	9	5	0	4	16	21	15
East Bentleigh	9	4	1	4	13	23	13
Brighton	9	2	1	6	5	27	7
Beaumaris	8	1	0	7	6	20	3
Bye	0				0	0	0
Berwick City	9	0	0	9	9	28	0

Boys South 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton 1	9	8	0	1	27	3	24
Mornington	9	6	2	1	22	10	20
Peninsula	9	6	0	3	23	10	18
Springvale White Eagles	9	5	3	1	27	18	18
Carrum Utd	9	4	2	3	19	15	14
Casey Comets	9	2	1	6	19	29	7
Langwarrin	9	2	0	7	17	25	6
Brighton 2	9	2	0	7	12	31	6
Hampton	8	1	0	7	3	28	3
Bye	0				0	0	0

Boys South 14 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bentleigh Greens	10	9	0	1	38	9	27
Hampton Park Utd	10	7	3	0	44	7	24
Lyndale Utd	10	6	1	3	38	16	19
Endeavour Utd	9	6	1	2	26	11	19
East Bentleigh	10	5	0	5	20	23	15
Beaumaris	10	4	1	5	17	20	13
Peninsula	10	3	1	6	14	28	10
James Cook FC	9	3	0	6	16	39	9
Brighton	10	1	1	8	13	23	4
Cardinia United JSoccer Club	10	1	0	9	3	53	3

Boys South 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Hampton	9	6	2	1	23	15	20
Bentleigh Greens	8	6	1	1	26	10	19
Casey Comets	9	6	1	2	22	12	19
Doveton	9	4	3	2	14	9	15
Berwick City	9	3	5	1	18	8	14
Beaumaris	9	4	0	5	13	14	12
Sandringham City	9	1	4	4	3	9	7
Brighton	9	1	1	7	7	34	4
Peninsula	9	0	1	8	8	23	1

Boys South 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong Thunder	10	10	0	0	63	6	30
South Springvale	10	9	0	1	39	7	27
Berwick City	10	7	0	3	32	13	21
Hampton Park Utd	9	6	0	3	43	15	18
Mornington	10	5	0	5	20	27	15
Beaumaris	10	4	1	5	14	24	13
Langwarrin	10	2	2	6	9	29	8
East Bentleigh	10	2	1	7	7	37	7
Bentleigh Greens	9	1	0	8	7	37	3
Brighton	10	0	2	8	9	48	2

Boys South 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keysborough	9	6	1	2	16	6	19
Seaford Utd	9	6	1	2	17	11	19
Lyndale Utd	9	6	0	3	28	14	18
Hampton	9	5	2	2	12	8	17
Casey Panthers	9	5	1	3	23	18	16
Doveton	9	3	2	4	17	13	11
East Bentleigh	9	2	4	3	15	18	10
Berwick City	8	0	2	6	5	21	2
Harrisfield Hurricanes	9	0	1	8	2	26	1

Boys South 13 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Carrum Utd	10	9	0	1	37	10	27
Casey Comets	9	8	0	1	36	6	24
Sandringham City	10	7	1	2	53	14	22
Peninsula	9	7	1	1	39	4	22
Beaumaris 1	10	6	0	4	15	18	18
Cardinia United JSoccer Club	10	3	1	6	24	32	10
Baxter	9	2	2	5	14	24	8
Rosebud	9	2	1	6	17	23	7
Westernport SC	10	1	0	9	12	38	3
Seaford Utd	10	0	0	10	1	79	0

Boys South 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton	10	9	1	0	31	5	28
Springvale White Eagles	10	8	1	1	33	8	25
South Eastern Piranhas	10	7	2	1	26	5	23
Berwick City	10	5	1	4	21	21	16
Langwarrin	10	4	3	3	23	12	15
Beaumaris	10	3	2	5	13	21	11
GSL	10	1	4	5	9	18	7
Bentleigh Greens	9	1	2	6	8	24	5
Mornington	9	1	2	6	7	26	5
Southern Stars	10	1	0	9	4	35	3

Boys South 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong City	9	6	3	0	30	5	21
Sandringham City	9	6	3	0	26	6	21
Brighton	9	6	1	2	43	10	19
Hampton Park Utd	9	4	1	4	22	22	13
Doveton	9	3	3	3	14	14	12
Brandon Park	8	3	1	4	21	16	10
Endeavour Utd	9	2	2	5	18	26	8
Mornington	9	1	2	6	10	30	5
Peninsula	9	1	0	8	4	59	3
Bye	0				0	0	0

Boys South 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
East Bentleigh	9	9	0	0	44	2	27
Casey Comets	9	8	0	1	26	5	24
Brighton 1	9	4	2	3	16	16	14
Berwick City	9	4	2	3	10	11	14
Aspendale	9	3	2	4	21	21	11
Sandringham City	8	3	1	4	6	16	10
Hampton	9	2	2	5	11	12	8
Brighton 2	9	1	2	6	10	20	5
Beaumaris	9	0	1	8	1	42	1

Boys South 12 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Carrum Utd	10	8	0	2	41	11	24
East Bentleigh	10	8	0	2	34	13	24
Langwarrin	10	6	0	4	35	11	18
Berwick City	10	5	3	2	20	9	18
Baxter	10	5	3	2	14	11	18
Dandenong City	10	5	0	5	20	24	15
Brighton	10	2	2	6	11	28	8
Beaumaris	9	2	1	6	7	25	7
Aspendale	10	1	2	7	6	34	5
Peninsula	9	0	3	6	5	27	3

Boys South 12 E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
White Star Dandenong	9	9	0	0	71	4	27
Bayside Knights FC	9	5	2	2	21	17	17
Keysborough	9	5	2	2	17	18	17
Bayside Argonauts	9	5	1	3	25	14	16
Kingston City	9	3	2	4	11	12	11
Lyndale Utd	8	3	1	4	23	24	10
Casey Panthers	9	2	2	5	7	40	8
Casey Comets	9	1	2	6	9	28	5
Westernport SC	9	0	2	7	2	29	2

Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City	10	9	1	0	47	3	28
Peninsula	10	7	1	2	48	8	22
Hampton	10	7	1	2	36	6	22
Berwick City	10	5	5	0	33	7	20
South Eastern Piranhas	10	6	2	2	32	11	20
Mornington	10	6	1	3	19	15	19
Brighton	10	5	1	4	31	14	16
Dandenong Thunder	10	4	0	6	17	24	12
Casey Comets	10	2	0	8	7	36	6
Aspendale	9	1	0	8	5	33	3
Beaumaris	9	1	0	8	9	44	3
Langwarrin	10	0	0	10	1	84	0

Boys South 11 Kangaroos Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton	9	7	2	0	25	5	23
Hampton	8	7	1	0	29	3	22
Heatherton Utd	9	6	1	2	14	11	19
Peninsula	8	4	1	3	10	10	13
Sandringham City	9	3	2	4	12	13	11
Mornington	9	3	1	5	15	13	10
Bentleigh Greens	8	2	1	5	14	14	7
Langwarrin	8	1	1	6	10	19	4
Endeavour Utd	8	0	0	8	1	42	0

Boys South 11 Joeys Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bentleigh Greens	8	7	1	0	28	3	22
Mornington	9	7	0	2	24	9	21
Doveton	8	6	1	1	41	7	19
Hampton Park Utd	9	6	0	3	46	13	18
East Bentleigh	8	4	0	4	22	12	12
Baxter	9	3	0	6	11	21	9
Springvale White Eagles	9	3	0	6	15	26	9
Brighton	9	2	0	7	8	25	6
Bye	0				0	0	0
Rosebud	9	0	0	9	3	82	0

Boys South 11 Joeys Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton	9	9	0	0	62	1	27
Berwick City	8	7	0	1	40	7	21
Hampton	8	6	0	2	21	13	18
Mornington	9	4	1	4	29	29	13
Carrum Utd	9	4	1	4	18	22	13
Aspendale	9	2	1	6	19	42	7
Peninsula	9	2	1	6	16	44	7
Seaford Utd	9	1	3	5	23	31	6
Beaumaris	8	0	1	7	7	46	1

Boys South 11 Joeys Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong City	10	10	0	0	60	6	30
Brighton 2	10	7	1	2	34	9	22
Doveton	10	6	2	2	25	17	20
Berwick City	10	5	2	3	24	21	17
East Bentleigh	10	5	1	4	18	19	16
James Cook FC	10	4	2	4	15	24	14
Peninsula	10	4	1	5	16	28	13
Beaumaris	10	3	0	7	12	23	9
Brighton 1	10	1	1	8	13	36	4
Sandringham City	10	0	0	10	4	38	0

Boys 18 East Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Manningham	10	7	1	2	53	14	22
North Caulfield	9	7	1	1	42	12	22
Heidelberg Stars	9	7	1	1	30	11	22
Whitehorse Utd	9	7	0	2	50	17	21
Riversdale	10	6	1	3	34	19	19
Nunawading City	10	4	1	5	24	21	13
Northcote City	10	3	0	7	22	29	9
Sherbrooke Rangers	10	2	1	7	43	39	7
Brighton	10	2	0	8	20	50	6
Beaumaris	9	0	0	9	3	109	0

Boys 18 East Yellow

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Glen Waverley	10	8	2	0	57	12	26
Oakleigh	10	8	1	1	39	16	25
Boronia	9	5	2	2	25	14	17
Eastern Lions	10	4	2	4	25	16	14
Doncaster Rovers	9	4	2	3	19	20	14
Ashburton	10	4	1	5	23	24	13
East Bentleigh	10	4	0	6	19	24	12
Knox City	10	2	1	7	13	24	7
Mooroolbark	10	2	1	7	7	27	7
Waverley Victory FC	10	2	0	8	11	61	6

Boys South East 13 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox City	9	8	1	0	39	8	25
Hampton Park Utd	9	6	1	2	20	9	19
Ringwood City	9	6	1	2	16	10	19
Croydon City Arrows	9	4	0	5	15	16	12
Ashburton	9	3	2	4	16	18	11
Doncaster Rovers	9	3	1	5	9	10	10
Brighton	9	2	2	5	11	28	8
Glen Waverley	8	2	1	5	8	16	7
Sandringham City	9	1	1	7	7	26	4

Boys East 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC Bulleen Lions	9	7	1	1	27	5	22
Doncaster Rovers	9	5	2	2	27	9	17
Eastern Lions	10	5	2	3	18	9	17
Manningham	9	4	2	3	16	17	14
Richmond	9	3	1	5	10	30	10
Oakleigh	9	2	2	5	13	21	8
Riversdale	9	1	0	8	4	24	3

Boys East 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doncaster Rovers	9	8	0	1	30	10	24
Caulfield United Cobras	8	7	0	1	28	8	21
Port Melbourne	9	5	0	4	26	21	15
Ashburton	9	4	1	4	12	13	13
Richmond	9	4	0	5	18	24	12
North Caulfield	8	3	1	4	15	19	10
Brandon Park	9	3	0	6	14	19	9
Whitehorse Utd	8	2	1	5	9	14	7
Boroondara Eagles	9	1	1	7	8	32	4

Boys East 16 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Boronia	10	10	0	0	44	8	30
Sherbrooke Rangers	10	6	1	3	41	19	19
Ringwood City	9	6	1	2	18	11	19
Glen Waverley	10	5	1	4	39	29	16
Manningham	10	3	1	6	24	24	10
Ashburton	10	3	0	7	9	41	9
East Bentleigh	10	2	1	7	12	29	7
Mooroolbark	9	1	1	7	13	39	4

Boys East 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter	10	8	2	0	37	4	26
Malvern City	10	7	2	1	27	6	23
Doncaster Rovers	10	5	4	1	18	6	19
Whitehorse Utd	10	5	4	1	25	14	19
North Caulfield	10	4	1	5	18	17	13
FC Bulleen Lions	10	3	1	6	18	26	10
Glen Waverley	9	2	2	5	17	28	8
Manningham	10	2	2	6	18	40	8
Casey Comets	10	2	0	8	16	42	6
Ringwood City	9	1	2	6	14	25	5

Boys East 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Phoenix	9	8	1	0	60	9	25
Riversdale	8	7	1	0	46	4	22
Doncaster Rovers	9	5	2	2	20	15	17
Richmond	8	5	1	2	27	15	16
Waverley Wanderers	9	3	2	4	18	37	11
Whitehorse Utd	9	3	1	5	22	25	10
Eastern Lions	8	2	0	6	8	30	6
Knox City	9	1	0	8	8	32	3
Glen Waverley	9	1	0	8	4	46	3

Boys East 15 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond	9	8	0	1	32	5	24
North Caulfield	9	8	0	1	24	8	24
Nunawading City	9	7	0	2	25	9	21
Croydon City Arrows	9	5	1	3	24	16	16
Ringwood City	9	4	0	5	23	15	12
Riversdale	9	3	0	6	21	27	9
Boroondara Eagles	9	2	1	6	18	28	7
Mooroolbark	8	2	0	6	17	29	6
Glen Eira	9	0	0	9	1	48	0

Boys East 15 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sherbrooke Rangers	8	8	0	0	63	8	24
Heatherton Utd	8	4	1	3	39	21	13
Rowville Eagles	8	4	0	4	32	29	12
Boronia	8	1	2	5	10	49	5
Croydon City Arrows	8	1	1	6	9	46	4

Boys East 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter	10	8	1	1	25	7	25
Riversdale	10	6	1	3	15	11	19
Richmond	10	4	6	0	18	12	18
Glen Waverley	10	5	2	3	17	8	17
FC Bulleen Lions	10	5	1	4	19	11	16
Doncaster Rovers	10	3	4	3	17	11	13
South Melbourne	10	3	4	3	12	16	13
Knox City	10	2	4	4	11	14	10
North Caulfield	10	1	2	7	4	24	5
Boronia	10	0	1	9	11	35	1

Boys East 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mooroolbark	8	7	1	0	28	2	22
Boroondara Eagles	9	7	1	1	29	7	22
Manningham	9	5	1	3	32	11	16
Waverley Victory FC	9	4	2	3	36	10	14
Ringwood City	8	4	1	3	24	18	13
Waverley Wanderers	8	4	0	4	21	14	12
Ashburton	9	2	2	5	19	26	8
Port Melbourne	9	2	0	7	8	34	6
Nunawading City	9	0	0	9	6	81	0

Boys East 14 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Eastern Lions	10	10	0	0	74	7	30
Sherbrooke Rangers	10	9	0	1	44	7	27
Knox Utd	9	6	1	2	50	17	19
Whitehorse Utd	9	5	1	3	43	17	16
North Caulfield	9	4	2	3	18	14	14
Caulfield United Cobras	10	3	2	5	18	57	11
Richmond	9	3	0	6	18	39	9
Oakleigh	10	2	1	7	25	43	7
Glen Eira	10	1	2	7	7	44	5
Ashburton	10	0	1	9	6	58	1

Boys East 14 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Croydon City Arrows	9	8	1	0	48	3	25
Riversdale	9	6	0	3	19	11	18
Manningham	9	4	4	1	30	9	16
Doncaster Rovers	8	5	1	2	25	12	16
Brandon Park	8	4	1	3	28	18	13
Knox Utd	8	3	2	3	20	19	11
Glen Waverley	9	2	0	7	15	33	6
Glen Eira	9	1	2	6	5	25	5
Mooroolbark	9	0	1	8	3	63	1

Boys East 14 E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Rowville Eagles	8	6	1	1	31	11	19
Malvern City	8	5	2	1	17	10	17
North Caulfield	7	3	0	4	21	21	9
Sherbrooke Rangers	7	2	1	4	9	15	7
Eastern Lions	8	1	0	7	9	30	3

Boys East 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Phoenix	10	8	1	1	34	6	25
Riversdale	10	7	1	2	26	14	22
Doncaster Rovers	10	5	4	1	23	7	19
Box Hill Inter	10	3	5	2	17	11	14
North Caulfield	10	3	4	3	15	13	13
Oakleigh	10	3	4	3	17	16	13
Richmond	10	3	3	4	16	17	12
Nunawading City	10	3	1	6	10	32	10
FC Bulleen Lions	10	1	5	4	9	17	8
Glen Waverley	10	0	0	10	3	37	0

Boys East 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ashburton	10	9	1	0	31	3	28
Oakleigh	10	7	1	2	40	9	22
Richmond	10	6	1	3	28	15	19
Doncaster Rovers	10	5	2	3	18	15	17
FC Bulleen Lions	10	4	2	4	19	11	14
North Caulfield	10	4	2	4	20	18	14
Croydon City Arrows	10	2	3	5	11	17	9
Boroondara Eagles	10	2	2	6	13	24	8
Sherbrooke Rangers	10	2	2	6	12	25	8
Whitehorse Utd	10	1	0	9	4	59	3

Boys East 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Boroondara Eagles	10	9	1	0	31	5	28
Doncaster Rovers	10	7	2	1	27	10	23
Croydon City Arrows	10	5	1	4	17	12	16
Glen Waverley	10	3	5	2	22	20	14
Mooroolbark	9	4	2	3	19	19	14
North Caulfield	9	2	4	3	10	9	10
Riversdale	10	2	4	4	12	18	10
Ashburton	10	3	1	6	11	26	10
Eastern Lions	10	2	3	5	13	15	9
Boronia	10	0	1	9	9	37	1

Boys East 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Melbourne	10	8	1	1	29	6	25
FC Bulleen Lions	10	6	2	2	27	10	20
Hampton	10	5	3	2	27	10	18
Box Hill Inter	10	5	2	3	25	12	17
Richmond	10	5	1	4	10	9	16
Monash City	10	4	2	4	18	12	14
Doncaster Rovers	10	4	2	4	21	19	14
Whitehorse Utd	10	2	2	6	13	16	8
Eastern Lions	10	2	2	6	10	22	8
Croydon City Arrows	10	0	1	9	5	69	1

Boys East 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Oakleigh	10	9	0	1	36	5	27
Ashburton	10	9	0	1	26	7	27
Knox Utd	10	8	0	2	27	10	24
FC Bulleen Lions	10	5	1	4	16	15	16
Doncaster Rovers	10	5	0	5	14	19	15
Knox City	10	3	2	5	14	18	11
Boroondara Eagles	10	2	2	6	10	27	8
Richmond	10	2	1	7	8	24	7
Box Hill Inter	10	1	3	6	9	24	6
Port Melbourne	10	1	1	8	12	23	4

Boys East 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Caulfield United Cobras	10	7	2	1	26	8	23
Sherbrooke Rangers	10	7	1	2	26	8	22
Glen Waverley	9	7	0	2	19	4	21
Ringwood City	9	6	0	3	17	8	18
Whitehorse Utd	10	5	1	4	24	13	16
Ashburton	10	3	1	6	11	24	10
Riversdale	10	3	0	7	13	21	9
Malvern City	10	3	0	7	12	28	9
Manningham	10	2	2	6	7	29	8
Oakleigh	10	1	3	6	14	26	6

Boys East 12 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox Utd	10	9	1	0	37	3	28
North Caulfield	10	8	2	0	47	2	26
FC Bulleen Lions	9	5	2	2	21	12	17
Doncaster Rovers	10	4	2	4	10	14	14
Sherbrooke Rangers	10	3	2	5	15	25	11
Richmond	10	3	2	5	17	36	11
Boroondara Eagles	10	3	1	6	12	26	10
Whitehorse Utd	10	2	3	5	18	17	9
Waverley Wanderers	9	3	0	6	18	25	9
Croydon City Arrows	10	1	1	8	12	47	4

Boys East 12 E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ashburton	10	6	4	0	22	6	22
Glen Eira	9	6	3	0	17	5	21
Mooroolbark	10	4	4	2	21	9	16
Glen Waverley 1	9	4	2	3	14	11	14
Whitehorse 1	10	4	1	5	24	20	13
Glen Waverley 2	10	2	4	4	14	14	10
North Caulfield	10	1	4	5	17	24	7
Parkmore	10	0	2	8	7	47	2

Boys East 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Monash City	10	9	1	0	65	9	28
FC Bulleen Lions	10	8	1	1	59	6	25
Box Hill Inter	10	7	1	2	43	8	22
Ashburton	10	5	2	3	28	9	17
Knox City	10	5	1	4	18	15	16
Malvern City	9	4	0	5	17	30	12
Whitehorse Utd	10	3	0	7	9	30	9
Croydon City Arrows	10	2	0	8	7	40	6
Oakleigh	10	2	0	8	7	56	6
Manningham	9	1	0	8	2	52	3

Boys East 11 Kangaroos Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond	10	8	0	2	28	5	24
Doncaster Rovers	10	7	2	1	42	12	23
South Melbourne	9	7	1	1	25	5	22
Eastern Lions	10	5	1	4	18	13	16
Glen Waverley	10	4	3	3	19	13	15
North Caulfield	10	5	0	5	27	25	15
FC Bulleen Lions	10	4	1	5	14	21	13
Nunawading City	10	3	1	6	12	22	10
Riversdale	10	1	1	8	6	33	4
Ringwood City	9	0	0	9	4	46	0

Boys East 11 Joeys Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mooroolbark	10	10	0	0	63	0	30
Knox Utd	10	6	3	1	38	14	21
Richmond	10	4	4	2	35	14	16
Ashburton	10	3	3	4	10	19	12
Knox City	10	3	2	5	13	21	11
North Caulfield	9	3	2	4	9	20	11
Boroondara Eagles	9	1	3	5	9	34	6
Whitehorse Utd	10	0	1	9	4	59	1

Boys East 11 Joeys Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sherbrooke Rangers	10	9	0	1	43	1	27
FC Bulleen Lions	10	9	0	1	37	6	27
Waverley Victory FC	10	8	0	2	22	7	24
Boronia	10	6	1	3	16	9	19
Glen Eira	10	4	2	4	15	16	14
Doncaster Rovers	10	3	3	4	12	19	12
Oakleigh	10	3	2	5	17	21	11
Riversdale	10	2	2	6	11	27	8
Glen Waverley	10	1	0	9	7	31	3
Ashburton	10	0	0	10	4	47	0

Boys East 11 Joeys Yellow SSF Pilot

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Oakleigh 2	10	10	0	0	98	12	30
Mooroolbark 1	10	8	0	2	80	13	24
Oakleigh 1	10	7	0	3	51	19	21
Montrose JSC 1	10	4	2	4	30	17	14
Croydon City Arrows	10	4	0	6	44	36	12
East Kew FC	10	3	2	5	32	40	11
Mooroolbark 2	10	1	0	9	8	98	3
Montrose JSC 2	10	1	0	9	8	116	3

Boys East 11 Kangaroos/Joeys Yellow

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond	10	10	0	0	56	6	30
Boroondara Eagles	10	7	1	2	35	10	22
Doncaster Rovers 1	10	7	0	3	31	8	21
Glen Eira	10	5	1	4	31	18	16
FC Bulleen Lions	10	4	2	4	27	16	14
Ashburton	10	3	0	7	13	29	9
Caulfield United Cobras	10	1	1	8	4	54	4
North Caulfield	10	0	1	9	5	61	1

Boys 18 North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brunswick City	10	10	0	0	58	5	30
Westvale	10	8	0	2	30	10	24
Tullamarine Jets	10	8	0	2	39	21	24
Bundoora Utd	8	5	1	2	24	13	16
Brunswick Zebras	9	4	1	4	24	19	13
DOC United FC	9	3	2	4	21	17	11
Whittlesea Stallions	10	3	1	6	25	27	10
Brimbank Stallions	9	1	2	6	7	18	4
South Yarra	10	1	0	9	7	53	3
Sydenham Park	9	0	1	8	3	55	0

Boys North 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brunswick Zebras	8	6	2	0	21	8	20
Moreland City	7	5	1	1	17	10	16
Bundoora Utd	8	5	0	3	21	14	15
Lalor Utd	8	4	2	2	20	11	14
Fawkner	7	3	0	4	15	15	9
Moreland Utd	8	2	2	4	11	24	8
Northcote City	8	1	1	6	10	16	4
Diamond Valley Utd	8	1	0	7	10	27	3
Bye	0				0	0	0
Bye	0				0	0	0

Boys North 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bundoora Utd	10	9	1	0	42	14	28
Brunswick City	10	5	5	0	34	13	20
Light Utd	10	6	1	3	33	17	19
Heidelberg Stars	10	6	1	3	28	16	19
DOC United FC	9	5	1	3	17	11	16
Carlton Youth	10	4	1	5	31	22	13
Epping City	10	3	1	6	23	29	10
Whittlesea Stallions	10	2	1	7	12	30	7
Sunbury Utd	9	1	2	6	8	61	5
Watsonia Heights	10	0	2	8	9	24	2

Boys North 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fawkner	9	8	1	0	36	3	25
Hume Utd	10	6	2	2	21	12	20
Preston Lions	10	5	3	2	26	9	18
Brunswick Zebras	10	5	1	4	17	14	16
Essendon Royals	10	4	2	4	14	16	14
Light Utd	10	3	4	3	15	10	13
Greenvale Utd	9	3	3	3	13	11	12
Bundoora Utd	10	2	4	4	21	17	10
Moreland City	10	2	2	6	9	17	8
Sunbury Utd	10	0	0	10	3	66	0

Boys North 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Clifton Hill	9	8	1	0	44	7	25
Meadow Park	9	7	1	1	43	7	22
FC City Central	8	5	1	2	67	8	16
Fawkner	8	4	2	2	35	10	14
Bundoora Utd	9	4	2	3	30	13	14
Northcote City	8	3	1	4	14	27	10
North City Lions	9	2	0	7	19	40	6
Eltham North	9	2	0	7	12	58	6
Watsonia Heights	9	0	0	9	5	99	0

Boys North 15 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Yarra Jets	10	9	1	0	51	7	28
DOC United FC	9	7	0	2	44	12	21
Lalor Utd	9	5	1	3	25	15	16
Brunswick Zebras	10	4	1	5	21	23	13
Heidelberg Utd	9	4	0	5	26	35	12
Moreland Wolves	10	3	1	6	21	43	10
Cairnlea	10	3	0	7	16	36	9
Banyule City	9	1	0	8	11	44	3

Boys North 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Light Utd	10	8	1	1	51	8	25
Brunswick City	10	6	3	1	29	9	21
Essendon Royals	10	6	2	2	27	19	20
Preston Lions	10	4	3	3	19	18	15
Brunswick Zebras	10	4	2	4	22	11	14
Diamond Valley Utd	10	4	2	4	18	20	14
Fawkner	10	3	3	4	16	21	12
Hume Utd	10	2	3	5	13	20	9
Moreland City	10	2	3	5	18	30	9
Epping City	10	0	0	10	2	59	0

Boys North 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Heidelberg Stars	9	8	1	0	34	8	25
Clifton Hill	9	7	0	2	31	12	21
Yarra Jets	9	5	1	3	22	14	16
Bundoora Utd	9	3	3	3	14	16	12
Banyule City	9	4	0	5	14	19	12
Brunswick City	8	3	1	4	20	21	10
Whittlesea Stallions	9	3	1	5	15	27	10
Alphington	9	2	0	7	15	33	6
Eltham North	9	1	1	7	11	26	4
Bye	0				0	0	0

Boys North 14 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fawkner	10	10	0	0	40	7	30
Diamond Valley Utd	10	7	1	2	36	16	22
DOC United FC	9	4	3	2	31	18	15
Moreland Utd	10	4	2	4	26	14	14
Sunbury Utd	10	3	0	7	27	30	9
Essendon Utd	9	2	3	4	14	25	9
Brunswick Zebras	9	2	2	5	18	23	8
FC City Central	9	0	1	8	4	63	1

Boys North 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moreland City	9	9	0	0	35	4	27
Greenvale Utd	9	6	1	2	23	8	19
Moreland Utd	8	5	0	3	24	15	15
Northcote City	9	5	0	4	12	11	15
Bundoora Utd	9	4	1	4	18	13	13
Brunswick Zebras	9	4	1	4	13	19	13
Light Utd	9	2	2	5	8	22	8
Essendon Royals	9	1	2	6	8	26	5
Preston Lions	9	0	1	8	9	32	1

Boys North 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Diamond Valley Utd	10	9	0	1	31	9	27
Heidelberg Utd	10	5	4	1	24	11	19
Lalor	10	5	3	2	26	19	18
Essendon Royals	10	4	4	2	21	14	16
North Lions	9	4	0	5	12	12	12
Moreland City	10	3	3	4	13	21	12
Moreland Wolves	9	3	2	4	12	19	11
Eltham North	10	2	3	5	15	23	9
Plenty Valley Lions	10	2	2	6	19	26	8
Alphington	10	1	1	8	16	35	4

Boys North 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brunswick Zebras	8	6	1	1	42	13	19
North City Lions	8	5	0	3	21	17	15
Yarra Jets	7	4	1	2	27	13	13
Melbourne Phoenix	8	4	1	3	19	15	13
Pascoe Vale	7	3	2	2	17	10	11
Bundoora Utd	7	2	2	3	7	20	8
Watsonia Heights	8	1	1	6	5	23	4
Heidelberg Stars	7	1	0	6	5	32	3
Northcote City	0				0	0	0

Boys North 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Essendon Royals	10	10	0	0	64	4	30
St. Albans	9	6	2	1	23	12	20
Brunswick Zebras	10	5	4	1	33	17	19
Bundoora Utd	10	6	1	3	23	24	19
Sunbury Utd	10	5	1	4	21	24	16
Whittlesea Stallions	10	4	3	3	18	25	15
North City Lions	10	2	1	7	8	22	7
Lalor Utd	10	2	1	7	16	32	7
Fawkner	9	1	2	6	11	26	5
Alphington	10	0	1	9	9	40	1

Boys North 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Light Utd	10	7	2	1	33	8	23
Heidelberg Utd	10	6	4	0	30	8	22
Essendon Royals	10	6	2	2	33	8	20
Brunswick City	10	6	2	2	23	10	20
Northcote City	10	6	1	3	31	13	19
Epping City	10	4	2	4	24	19	14
Eltham North	10	3	2	5	11	20	11
Plenty Valley Lions	10	3	1	6	14	15	10
Moreland Wolves	10	1	0	9	9	34	3
Meadow Park	10	0	0	10	2	75	0

Boys North 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moreland Utd	10	10	0	0	41	1	30
Fawkner	9	8	0	1	33	4	24
Hume Utd	10	6	0	4	29	12	18
Moreland City	9	5	1	3	23	10	16
Diamond Valley Utd	10	4	2	4	24	13	14
Brunswick Zebras	10	4	1	5	21	22	13
Clifton Hill	10	4	1	5	16	19	13
Bundoora Utd	10	2	2	6	9	30	8
Mitchell Rangers	9	1	1	7	8	41	4
Watsonia Heights	9	0	0	9	5	57	0

Boys North 12 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
DOC United FC	9	7	2	0	39	9	23
Yarra Jets FC 1	10	6	3	1	33	11	21
Pascoe Vale	10	6	2	2	44	14	20
Yarra Jets FC 2	10	6	1	3	27	14	19
Banyule City	10	3	3	4	12	13	12
Brunswick Zebras	10	3	2	5	17	21	11
Sunshine Georgies	10	0	2	8	5	58	2
Broadmeadows Utd	9	0	1	8	3	40	1

Boys North 11 Kangaroos Yellow

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Light Utd	9	9	0	0	29	1	27
Bundoora Utd	9	5	2	2	29	10	17
Epping City	9	5	0	4	16	15	15
Brunswick City	9	4	2	3	16	15	14
Watsonia Heights	9	2	3	4	9	9	9
Hume Utd	8	3	0	5	7	16	9
Whittlesea Stallions	8	2	0	6	8	23	6
Northcote City	9	1	1	7	5	30	4

Boys North 11 Kangaroos Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brunswick Zebras	10	8	2	0	39	9	26
Essendon Royals	10	8	0	2	39	15	24
Moreland City	10	7	0	3	30	13	21
Preston Lions	9	6	2	1	37	9	20
FC Birrarung	9	5	2	2	49	13	17
Lalor Utd	10	3	1	6	29	35	10
Heidelberg Utd	10	3	1	6	14	31	10
Eltham North	10	2	2	6	13	27	8
North City Lions	10	0	3	7	9	54	3
Alphington	10	0	1	9	3	56	1

Boys North 11 Joeys Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brunswick Zebras	10	8	1	1	23	5	25
Fawkner	9	8	0	1	29	6	24
Heidelberg Stars	10	7	1	2	30	11	22
Epping City	9	6	1	2	23	12	19
Whittlesea Stallions	9	5	0	4	24	11	15
Lalor	10	3	3	4	14	13	12
Eltham North	9	2	1	6	4	11	7
Plenty Valley Lions	10	2	1	7	4	24	7
Diamond Valley Utd	10	1	3	6	14	21	6
Moreland City	10	0	1	9	4	55	1

Boys North 11 Joeys Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Pascoe Vale	8	7	0	1	42	4	21
Fawkner	9	6	0	3	36	7	18
Epping City	8	6	0	2	19	10	18
Bundoora Utd	9	5	0	4	9	17	15
Clifton Hill	9	4	1	4	18	14	13
DOC United FC	9	4	1	4	13	12	13
Sunbury Utd	8	2	0	6	11	23	6
Mitchell Rangers	8	2	0	6	4	34	6
Yarra Jets	8	1	0	7	5	36	3

Boys West 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Werribee City	9	7	1	1	23	10	22
GRFA	9	5	2	2	34	7	17
Williamstown	8	5	2	1	24	12	17
Brimbank City	9	4	3	2	27	23	15
Keilor Wolves	9	4	2	3	28	18	14
Geelong	8	3	1	4	22	19	10
Keilor Park	9	2	2	5	8	27	8
Hoppers Crossing	8	1	3	4	16	21	6
Altona City	9	0	0	9	8	53	0

Boys West 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brimbank Stallions	8	7	1	0	50	4	22
Westgate	7	5	1	1	29	9	16
Werribee City	8	5	0	3	42	15	15
Yarraville	8	4	0	4	31	14	12
Hoppers Crossing	8	3	1	4	16	37	10
Satellite City Utd	7	1	1	5	7	34	4
Bacchus Marsh JSC	8	0	0	8	4	66	0

Boys West 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
GRFA	9	5	3	1	9	6	18
North Geelong Warriors	8	5	1	2	29	5	16
Sunshine Georgies	8	3	4	1	17	9	13
Sunshine Heights	8	4	1	3	13	13	13
Sydenham Park	9	3	3	3	12	7	12
Green Gully	8	3	2	3	15	9	11
Werribee City	9	3	1	5	20	21	10
Keilor Park	8	3	1	4	9	11	10
Melton	9	1	0	8	5	48	3
Bye	0				0	0	0

Boys West 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Western Eagles	9	7	2	0	33	3	23
St. Albans	9	6	1	2	22	9	19
Altona East	8	5	2	1	37	9	17
AVA Seagulls	9	4	2	3	22	14	14
Williamstown	9	4	2	3	20	16	14
Yarraville	8	4	0	4	15	22	12
Gisborne	9	3	1	5	24	18	10
Avondale Heights	8	1	0	7	11	35	3
Melton	9	0	0	9	6	64	0

Boys West 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
BASL	10	8	2	0	43	12	26
GRFA	10	7	1	2	27	11	22
Green Gully	9	5	4	0	22	9	19
Altona City	10	5	2	3	20	18	17
Geelong	10	4	1	5	15	20	13
Sunshine Georgies	10	4	0	6	12	18	12
Brimbank Stallions	10	2	3	5	14	17	9
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	10	2	2	6	11	31	8
Williamstown	9	1	3	5	13	27	6
Laverton Park	10	1	2	7	7	21	5

Boys West 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brimbank City	10	8	0	2	43	9	24
Keilor Park	9	7	1	1	26	8	22
Werribee City	10	6	2	2	24	15	20
Maribyrnong Greens	10	5	2	3	24	24	17
Avondale Heights	10	5	1	4	20	16	16
Sunshine Georgies	10	2	1	7	8	23	7
Hoppers Crossing	10	1	2	7	16	40	5
Sydenham Park	9	0	1	8	6	32	1
Bye	0				0	0	0

Boys West 14 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	10	9	0	1	39	8	27
Melbourne Lions	10	7	2	1	35	11	23
Werribee City	10	5	2	3	21	14	17
Williamstown	10	5	1	4	28	22	16
Flemington Eagles	10	5	1	4	16	22	16
Bacchus Marsh JSC	10	3	0	7	13	30	9
Mitchell Rangers	10	2	0	8	17	32	6
Spring Hills	10	1	0	9	14	44	3

Boys West 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cairnlea	9	7	1	1	28	6	22
Altona Magic	9	6	1	2	30	11	19
Green Gully	8	6	1	1	23	10	19
Altona City	8	5	0	3	12	10	15
Williamstown	8	3	1	4	10	19	10
Brimbank Stallions	9	3	0	6	17	19	9
St. Albans	9	3	0	6	14	19	9
Sydenham Park	9	2	2	5	12	23	8
Keilor Park	9	1	0	8	8	37	3

Boys West 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sunshine Heights	10	10	0	0	39	2	30
Brimbank Stallions	10	8	1	1	24	7	25
South Yarra	10	7	2	1	37	6	23
Wyndham Olympic	10	7	0	3	33	16	21
Keilor Wolves	10	5	1	4	34	25	16
Cairnlea	10	3	0	7	12	21	9
Laverton Park	10	2	1	7	12	26	7
Flemington Eagles	10	2	1	7	10	40	7
Williamstown	10	2	0	8	8	34	6
Altona City	10	1	0	9	7	39	3

Boys West 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Upfield	9	9	0	0	53	3	27
Avondale Heights	9	6	0	3	19	9	18
Bell Park	9	6	0	3	19	12	18
Melton	9	5	0	4	16	14	15
Gisborne	9	3	0	6	15	35	9
Western Eagles	9	1	1	7	10	35	4
Hoppers Crossing	8	0	1	7	7	31	1

Boys West 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Knights	10	7	2	1	43	7	23
Keilor Park	10	7	2	1	21	4	23
South Yarra	10	6	3	1	26	7	21
Green Gully	9	6	2	1	29	8	20
Hoppers Crossing	10	5	3	2	19	11	18
Altona City	10	5	1	4	21	10	16
Brimbank Stallions	10	3	0	7	14	30	9
Brimbank City	10	2	0	8	9	31	6
Williamstown	9	1	0	8	6	42	3
Sunshine Georgies	10	0	1	9	7	45	1

Boys West 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Green Gully	9	9	0	0	43	1	27
Werribee City	9	7	1	1	41	4	22
Maribyrnong Greens	10	6	1	3	26	12	19
Altona City	10	6	1	3	24	11	19
Keilor Park	10	5	2	3	16	29	17
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	10	5	0	5	27	13	15
Altona East	10	4	1	5	30	29	13
South Yarra	10	2	0	8	5	34	6
Brimbank Stallions	10	1	1	8	13	53	4
Sydenham Park	10	0	1	9	8	47	1

Boys West 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
GRFA	9	9	0	0	109	2	27
Yarraville	9	8	0	1	94	5	24
Laverton Park	9	7	0	2	29	9	21
Cairnlea	9	6	1	2	39	17	19
Spring Hills	9	5	1	3	24	31	16
Avondale Heights	9	4	0	5	23	20	12
Westvale	9	4	0	5	10	31	12
Werribee City	10	2	1	7	15	55	7
Point Cook FC	8	2	0	6	8	79	6
Hoppers Crossing	8	0	1	7	3	40	1
Bacchus Marsh JSC	9	0	0	9	5	70	0

Boys West 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Knights	10	8	2	0	31	4	26
Altona City	10	7	2	1	32	5	23
North Geelong Warriors	10	6	2	2	30	13	20
Green Gully	9	6	1	2	23	10	19
Brimbank Stallions	10	4	1	5	19	15	13
St. Albans	10	4	1	5	21	21	13
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	10	4	1	5	16	20	13
Hoppers Crossing	10	2	0	8	3	32	6
Sunshine Georgies	9	1	2	6	6	24	5
Bell Park	10	1	0	9	7	44	3

Boys West 11 Kangaroos Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Essendon Royals	10	8	2	0	53	5	26
Green Gully	9	8	1	0	50	5	25
Keilor Park	9	6	2	1	24	6	20
Fawkner	9	5	1	3	19	8	16
South Yarra	9	5	1	3	18	15	16
Hume City	10	4	2	4	23	24	14
Avondale Heights	9	3	1	5	19	16	10
Greenvale Utd	9	1	1	7	8	39	4
Yarra Jets	10	1	1	8	6	56	4
Moreland Wolves	10	0	0	10	3	49	0

Boys West 11 Joeys Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona City	10	9	1	0	51	5	28
Cairnlea	10	7	0	3	36	9	21
Meadow Park	10	6	2	2	31	7	20
Keilor Park	10	5	4	1	23	7	19
Gisborne	10	5	2	3	24	7	17
Laverton Park	10	4	2	4	18	15	14
Melton	10	2	4	4	15	15	10
South Yarra	10	2	1	7	13	30	7
Hoppers Crossing	10	1	1	8	4	67	4
Point Cook FC	10	0	1	9	1	54	1

Boys West 11 Joeys Yellow

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sydenham Park	10	9	1	0	30	6	28
Keilor Park	10	7	1	2	19	6	22
Sunshine Heights	10	6	2	2	31	9	20
Williamstown	9	3	3	3	26	25	12
Yarraville	10	3	2	5	12	16	11
Melbourne Lions	10	2	2	6	7	25	8
Spring Hills	10	2	0	8	11	29	6
Essendon Royals	9	1	1	7	6	26	4

Girls North West 18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keilor Park	10	7	3	0	36	5	24
Diamond Valley Utd	9	7	1	1	35	9	22
Keilor Wolves	10	6	1	3	19	9	19
Brunswick Zebras	9	5	3	1	39	10	18
Pascoe Vale	9	3	0	6	14	25	9
Brunswick City	10	3	0	7	11	28	9
Preston Lions	10	2	2	6	20	25	8
Gisborne	9	0	0	9	3	66	0

Girls South East 18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Boroondara Eagles 2	10	8	1	1	46	9	25
Langwarrin	10	8	0	2	37	12	24
Boroondara Eagles 1	9	7	1	1	64	7	22
East Bentleigh	10	7	0	3	38	19	21
Whitehorse Utd	10	6	0	4	36	25	18
Doncaster Rovers	10	4	1	5	27	30	13
Mooroolbark	9	3	0	6	14	60	9
Sherbrooke Rangers	10	2	1	7	17	36	7
Endeavour Utd	10	1	0	9	7	46	3
Boronia	10	1	0	9	4	46	3

Girls Metro 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bundoora Utd	9	9	0	0	56	8	27
Doncaster Rovers	8	7	0	1	46	9	21
Brighton	8	6	0	2	37	11	18
Casey Comets	9	3	2	4	28	29	11
GRFA	9	3	2	4	23	24	11
Richmond	8	3	1	4	39	17	10
Eltham North	8	2	3	3	17	22	9
Heatherton Utd	8	1	0	7	9	68	3
Meadow Park	9	0	0	9	7	74	0

Girls Metro 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City	9	6	3	0	29	10	21
Baxter	9	5	3	1	15	7	18
Hampton Park Utd	9	4	4	1	16	5	16
Brunswick Zebras	8	3	4	1	15	9	13
Watsonia Heights	9	2	3	4	17	21	9
East Bentleigh	9	2	3	4	10	14	9
Carrum Utd	8	2	3	3	10	15	9
Glen Waverley	8	1	3	4	8	17	6
Peninsula	9	0	2	7	5	27	2

Girls N/W 16 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brimbank Stallions	10	9	0	1	68	12	27
Greenvale Utd	10	8	2	0	37	6	26
Sunbury Utd	9	5	3	1	12	7	18
Bundoora Utd	9	5	1	3	20	12	16
Epping City	10	5	1	4	19	15	16
Hoppers Crossing	10	5	0	5	20	22	15
Sydenham Park	10	4	0	6	10	19	12
Altona East	10	2	1	7	7	35	7
Brunswick Zebras	10	2	0	8	14	30	6
Bacchus Marsh JSC	10	0	0	10	0	49	0

Girls S/E 16 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Langwarrin	10	8	2	0	44	2	26
FC Bulleen Lions	10	8	2	0	34	4	26
Brighton	10	8	1	1	34	4	25
Springvale White Eagles	10	6	1	3	28	19	19
Knox City	10	5	3	2	17	9	18
Noble Park	10	3	3	4	26	16	12
Croydon City Arrows	10	3	2	5	26	26	11
Carrum Utd	10	2	4	4	12	19	10
North Caulfield	10	3	1	6	11	37	10
Whitehorse Utd	10	1	2	7	7	29	5
Richmond	10	0	3	7	5	35	3
Beaumaris	10	0	2	8	9	53	2

Girls Metro 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City	10	10	0	0	33	5	30
Ashburton	10	8	1	1	22	8	25
Boroondara Eagles	10	6	1	3	21	6	19
Essendon Royals	10	5	2	3	30	8	17
Diamond Valley Utd	10	5	0	5	15	14	15
Pascoe Vale	9	4	2	3	21	16	14
Croydon City Arrows	10	3	1	6	12	17	10
North Caulfield	9	2	2	5	10	31	8
Sherbrooke Rangers	10	1	0	9	4	32	3
Alphington	10	0	1	9	6	37	1

Girls Metro 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Berwick City	10	8	2	0	26	3	26
Kensington JGSC	10	8	1	1	50	15	25
Doncaster Rovers	10	7	0	3	35	12	21
Boroondara Eagles	10	6	2	2	29	16	20
Port Melbourne	9	4	2	3	13	16	14
Keilor Park	10	4	1	5	10	13	13
Peninsula	10	4	0	6	11	25	12
Brunswick Zebras	10	1	2	7	9	28	5
South Melbourne	10	0	3	7	5	26	3
Glen Eira	9	0	1	8	8	42	1

Girls Metro 15 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City	10	8	2	0	36	7	26
Dandenong City	10	7	3	0	35	6	24
Baxter	10	7	2	1	21	10	23
Langwarrin	10	4	2	4	15	19	14
Glen Waverley	10	3	4	3	14	12	13
Oakleigh	10	3	3	4	15	13	12
Sherbrooke Rangers	10	3	3	4	10	15	12
Brandon Park	10	2	5	3	9	17	11
Southern Stars	9	2	2	5	3	14	8
Boronia	10	2	2	6	7	22	8
Eastern Lions	10	1	4	5	10	24	7
Mornington	9	1	0	8	11	27	3

Girls Metro 15 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mooroolbark	8	7	1	0	39	4	22
Whittlesea Stallions	9	6	2	1	25	2	20
Altona City	8	6	0	2	20	7	18
Yarra Jets	9	4	1	4	20	13	13
Watsonia Heights	8	4	1	3	19	16	13
Croydon City Arrows	9	4	1	4	12	12	13
Eltham North	8	3	0	5	12	16	9
South Yarra	8	1	0	7	8	27	3
Essendon Royals	9	0	0	9	3	61	0

Girls Metro 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Carrum Utd	9	7	2	0	20	4	23
Monash City	9	5	3	1	20	10	18
Ashburton	9	4	4	1	16	5	16
Brighton	9	4	3	2	15	12	15
Keilor Park	8	3	4	1	13	7	13
Whitehorse Utd	9	2	1	6	8	15	7
Boroondara Eagles	9	2	1	6	5	18	7
Knox City	9	1	3	5	3	10	6
Banyule City	9	1	1	7	6	25	4

Girls Metro 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bundoora Utd	10	10	0	0	33	5	30
FC Bulleen Lions	10	8	1	1	33	7	25
Sydenham Park	10	6	0	4	36	20	18
Nunawading City	10	4	0	6	14	22	12
Brunswick Zebras	10	3	2	5	16	16	11
Glen Eira	10	3	1	6	12	31	10
Glen Waverley	10	3	0	7	17	21	9
Boronia	10	1	0	9	8	47	3

Girls Metro 14 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Heidelberg Utd	9	9	0	0	27	5	27
Peninsula	10	6	1	3	23	10	19
Keilor Wolves	10	5	3	2	17	7	18
Ashburton	10	6	0	4	21	13	18
Sandringham City	10	5	2	3	18	10	17
North Caulfield	9	3	1	5	15	15	10
Brighton	10	1	1	8	8	38	4
Oakleigh	10	0	0	10	0	31	0

Girls Metro 14 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Werribee City	10	6	2	2	26	12	20
Waverley Victory FC	10	6	2	2	26	13	20
Brunswick City	10	6	2	2	22	11	20
Cairnlea	10	4	3	3	14	7	15
Watsonia Heights	10	3	2	5	10	12	11
Casey Panthers	9	3	2	4	13	16	11
Langwarrin	10	3	1	6	11	29	10
DOC United FC	9	0	2	7	7	29	2

Girls Metro 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keilor Park	10	9	1	0	31	5	28
Richmond	9	6	1	2	25	3	19
Ashburton	10	6	1	3	17	10	19
Sandringham City	10	6	0	4	23	15	18
Hampton	10	5	2	3	13	12	17
Essendon Royals	10	4	2	4	10	13	14
Berwick City	10	3	2	5	13	13	11
Boroondara Eagles	10	1	3	6	9	25	6
North Caulfield	9	1	1	7	6	24	4
Brighton	10	1	1	8	4	31	4

Girls Metro 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC Bulleen Lions	10	8	2	0	32	3	26
St. Albans	10	8	1	1	24	7	25
Brunswick Zebras	10	7	0	3	23	14	21
Green Gully	10	4	2	4	15	16	14
Carrum Utd	9	3	1	5	8	14	10
Oakleigh	10	2	2	6	8	17	8
Ashburton	10	2	2	6	8	17	8
South Melbourne	9	0	0	9	4	34	0

Girls Metro 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Croydon City Arrows	10	7	3	0	33	1	24
Sandringham City	10	7	2	1	33	5	23
Clifton Hill	9	6	0	3	20	11	18
Watsonia Heights	10	5	3	2	16	12	18
Banyule City	10	3	5	2	20	13	14
Sunbury Utd	10	3	3	4	9	16	12
Kensington JGSC	9	2	2	5	6	20	8
Sherbrooke Rangers	10	1	4	5	6	21	7
Eltham North	9	1	2	6	5	25	5
Glen Eira	9	1	0	8	7	31	3

Girls Metro 13 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bundoora Utd	9	8	1	0	39	2	25
Baxter	9	6	2	1	31	9	20
Diamond Valley Utd	9	6	0	3	14	5	18
Glen Waverley	9	5	2	2	18	8	17
Knox City	9	5	0	4	22	27	15
Mornington	9	4	1	4	21	14	13
Meadow Park	9	1	1	7	5	23	4
Sydenham Park	9	1	1	7	14	36	4
North Caulfield	8	0	0	8	2	42	0

Girls Metro 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton	10	7	2	1	26	4	23
Sandringham City	10	7	2	1	26	6	23
Berwick City	10	7	2	1	22	7	23
Boroondara Eagles	10	5	1	4	12	12	16
North Caulfield	10	3	4	3	10	9	13
Ashburton	10	3	2	5	9	17	11
Peninsula	9	2	4	3	12	10	10
South Yarra	10	1	3	6	4	32	6
Pascoe Vale	9	1	2	6	5	13	5
Banyule City	10	1	2	7	6	22	5

Girls Metro 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond	9	9	0	0	44	0	27
East Bentleigh	9	7	0	2	29	10	21
Malvern City	9	7	0	2	19	4	21
Brunswick Zebras	9	4	1	4	14	12	13
Brighton	8	4	0	4	24	17	12
Croydon City Arrows	9	3	0	6	13	16	9
Carrum Utd	9	2	1	6	12	31	7
Sandringham City	8	1	0	7	4	24	3
Hampton	8	1	0	7	3	48	3

Girls Metro 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC Bulleen Lions	10	10	0	0	44	0	30
Essendon Royals	10	6	3	1	14	5	21
Keilor Park	10	5	2	3	19	9	17
Diamond Valley Utd	10	5	0	5	15	15	15
Yarra Jets	10	4	1	5	8	11	13
Kensington JGSC	10	4	1	5	7	10	13
Malvern City	9	3	1	5	12	24	10
Casey Panthers	10	2	3	5	10	15	9
Green Gully	9	2	2	5	7	17	8
DOC United FC	10	1	1	8	2	32	4

Girls Metro 11 Pink

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
St. Albans	10	9	0	1	21	6	27
Box Hill Inter	10	8	1	1	38	7	25
Ashburton	10	7	1	2	22	4	22
Richmond 1	10	5	1	4	13	15	16
North Caulfield	10	3	1	6	10	18	10
Boroondara Eagles	10	3	1	6	9	18	10
Banyule City	10	1	2	7	3	20	5
Brighton	10	0	1	9	6	34	1

Girls Metro 11 Purple

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City 1	9	8	1	0	36	4	25
Sandringham City 2	9	7	1	1	28	2	22
Richmond	9	5	0	4	23	10	15
Peninsula	9	4	2	3	12	8	14
Whitehorse Utd	9	3	3	3	10	9	12
Berwick City	9	2	5	2	13	7	11
Ringwood City	8	1	3	4	8	22	6
Sherbrooke Rangers	9	1	3	5	4	25	6
Bayside Knights FC	9	0	0	9	2	49	0

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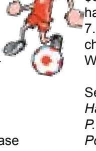

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By MJ Ali

King Of The Kids

SOCCER HOLDS KEY TO WEALTH AND INFLUENCE

Cities which are home to a leading Soccer Club are winners not just on the field but in the game of political and economic influence, a Deakin University economist believes.

In fact using a global analysis of soccer championships Associate Professor Mehmet Ulubasoglu has been able to use the game as a proxy to show the concentration of political and economic power across the world and within a country itself.

"Successful soccer teams are the ones who can hire the best talent, a feat that requires command over relatively large resources that need to be raised from fans, supporters, merchandise sales and broadcast revenues," Associate Professor Ulubasoglu told the Australasian Meeting of the Econometric Society at the Australian National University(7-10 July).

"Typically most of these sources are local, but we would argue that teams that credibly contest championships are the ones located in cities which command relatively more resources.

"You could tease out a reasonable measure of geographical distribution of wealth in any given country by looking at soccer championships and the relative importance of the cities these teams represent."

Associate Professor Mehmet Ulubasoglu said being able to see the concentration of political and economic power was important because of the effect it had on the economic development of a country.

"Basically the concentration of political and economic wealth in one city can act as a brake on economic development of a country over the long-run, because it stops competition and effectively concentrates all the money and resources in one place, choking innovation and development due to the political influence it affords," Associate Professor Ulubasoglu explained.

"This effect, has been noticed since 2AD after Rome became the largest city in the world. "Its size meant that Rome used its military and political power to suppress competition and extract resources from its empire. "Researchers believe the parasitic character of the Rome metropolis was not only responsible for weakening the Italian economy, it also played a central part in the collapse of the empire."

Associate Professor Ulubasoglu said similar patterns had been seen as the world developed with such cities being labelled Romes without Empires.

"Economists have long struggled with definitively measuring the implications of high urban concentration and its effect on the economic outcomes of a country partly because of the difficulty of measurement; cities' populations do not always convert to a political influence measure, " Associate Professor Ulubasoglu explained.

"So we developed an alternative measurement by creating an index of the distribution of soccer championships across cities in a given economy mimicking the geographic concentration of wealth and political influence."

Associate Professor Ulubasoglu said soccer had been chosen because it was one of the most popular sports in the world, played at professional and amateur level.

"A FIFA study found that more than 240 million people regularly played soccer in more than 200 countries," he said.

"What made soccer particularly attractive for us is the fact that in professional premier leagues, teams competing for the championships have been associated with urban centres, any city worth its salt being represented by at least one soccer team in the league.

"The study covers 100 countries, including Australia. Because not all countries' favourite sports is soccer, the implications are cross-checked with a sub-sample of 45 countries which participated the FIFA World Cups - soccer is more likely to be a premier sport in those countries, - similar results hold.

"Consider Germany and Paraguay, which, respectively, possess one of the lowest and the highest geographical concentration of wealth. Our analysis suggests an average of 2% difference in the annual growth rates of these countries over the period 1960-1999 due to differences in the geographical concentration of wealth and its associated effects.

"Federal countries like Australia are advantaged because employers, employees and industry can move around which is likely to reduce political agglomeration.

"Australia can still do better if Melbourne and Sydney's dominance is reduced, however."

**The study is co-authored with Professor Cem Karayalcin of Florida International University, USA.*

By Sandra Kingston

Deakin University Release

BRUNSWICK SNARE "RANGERS" SCALP

Geelong Rangers 0
Brunswick City 1

An excellent away win, as well as some favourable results in other fixtures, has ensured Brunswick City is back in the title race as they jump from fifth to second spot on the State League 2 NW ladder.

On a cold and blustery winter's day you could be forgiven for thinking you were in Glasgow ready to take on Rangers but alas it was only Bell Post Hill where Brunswick City made their third consecutive trip on the road in as many weeks to take on Geelong Rangers.

A healthy crowd braved the conditions to see the navy blues try to get their season back on track but it was the visitors who started off well moving the ball quickly and applying immediate pressure to Geelong's back four. What was disappointing was their wastefulness and inability to construct good chances from set pieces such as corners and free kicks.

Geelong's first real move forward saw Juma Wade shoot just wide in the 15' minute, which got the 'Rangers' going. In the 19' and after winning consecutive corners Brunswick were rewarded when Karas unleashed a pile driver from 20 yards out after a nice lay off by Madarovski to send the ball into Black's top right corner, giving the Rangers custodian no chance at all.

As is often the case Brunswick's sense of urgency dropped and allowed the home team to get back in the game and retain more possession. Scott Davison adopted a more attacking frame of mind whilst Troy Hardy became a more effective target man up front.

For Brunswick Karas and Madarovski continued to combine well although when Madarovski's shot hit the post in the 35' the central midfielder could certainly consider himself unlucky. On Brunswick's bench Ciantar was conscious of Brunswick's reluctance to continue with their high level of pressure and intensity a point which was clearly iterated at half time in the change rooms.

After the break Robbie Noggler's men came out determined to get the equaliser but Brunswick's pressure too had also increased forcing the home team wide. Their best chance of the half fell to Davison whose long range dipping volley forced Dimitropoulos to flick the ball over the bar.

The big ground began to take its toll on a number of players as the tempo slowed down and perhaps referee Joe Carnuccio as well as he clearly missed a handball in the penalty area by a Geelong defender early in the half. Geelong started to commit more players forward and as result gaps began to appear in their defence. In the 63' Con Vouloumanos took advantage of this as he beat the off side trap and headed goalwards. As Black advanced and fell on Vouloumanos's feet, the Brunswick striker chipped the ball over him but to his amazement just missed his target. Minutes later at the opposite end of the ground, Daniel Early unleashed a cracking left foot shot that beat Dimitropoulos but he too was minimally off target.

The nerves mounted as flashbacks of the previous week at Westgate, when they equalised late, entered Ciantar's thoughts. In the 80' it appeared Brunswick would get the buffer needed as Defeo cleverly flicked a header on and caught the Rangers defence square. Vouloumanos ran onto the ball and attempted to lob the advancing Black. This time though, Black was equal to the challenge as his finger tip save sent the ball out for a corner instead of him needing to pick it up from the back of the net.

The last ten minutes saw Brunswick defence win almost all the aerial attacks made by Geelong mainly through Jackson. To their credit Brunswick did not allow Geelong in behind their defence as they were forced to cross from wide areas allowing Brunswick to clear the ball a lot easier.

The final whistle was a welcome relief to the Brunswick boys as their weary bodies only just made it over the line. The win catapults Brunswick into second spot as most of the top five teams dropped points in this round.

The Brunswick City reserve team had an unfortunate 2-3 loss (Cicchiti, Tsaboukas). The young Brunswick team dominated the game extensively but on all three occasions where they conceded goals their inexperience and inability to concentrate cost them the ultimate price. Caretaker coach, John Ridis, was disappointed with the result but generally satisfied with overall efforts. He clearly has a number of things he can work on between now and the end of the season

Goalscorers:
Manny Karas 19' (Brunswick City)

Best: Karas, C.Vouloumanos, Defeo, Suesspeck (Brunswick)
Davison, Hardy, Ellis, Blackburn (Geelong)

Line ups:
Brunswick City: (Ciantar) Dimitropoulos, Danos, Jackson , A.Garisto , Suesspeck, D.Vithoulkas (J. Vouloumanos 62'), Daniel Sadik (40' D. Garisto) Madarovski (Stafrace 75'), C. Vouloumanos, Karas, G. Defeo,

Geelong Rangers: (Noggler) Black, Malesic, Clayson, Ellis, Smart, Wade, Early, Davison, Blackburn, Hardy, Begg

By Loui Simopoulos

State League NW 2

KNOX COP A KINGSTON SANDWICH

Knox City 1
Kingston City 2
(Half-time 1 - 1)

Knox City went down to another home defeat when it got book-ended by bottom side Kingston City on Saturday. The visitors scored in the second minute and again two minutes from full time to snatch all three points.

Knox's season has now reached desperate proportions as it slipped to third bottom with eight games to go.

The game was played in gale force winds and but the visitors made light of kicking against the wind when it scored with its first attack. A short ball was played into Martin and he skipped past Zelmar Martinez and fired past Mark Jorgensen from 10 metres.

For most of the rest of the first half, Knox dominated with the wind. Craig Kerr started things with a great run but his shot was too high. Then Josh Valadon was just wide after receiving a long throw at the near post. Anderson, in the Kingston goal came off his line quickly to thwart Andrew Asimakidis.

The pressure paid in the 19th minute when Joshua Woods floated over a right wing corner that curled into the far corner of the net.

Anderson was called into action a number of times as Knox kept the pressure on.

It was the 40th minute before the visitors got in another meaningful attack with Sequiera forcing Jorgensen to concede a corner.

Knox almost took the lead in the 52nd minute. Sebastian Barrero showed great skill and close control in the penalty area to beat his defender and then skip past Anderson. His shot from an acute angle struck the post and rebounded to safety.

Kingston now upped the pressure and starting to roll forward in waves as they exploited the wind. Sequiera and Martin both went close and then Jorgensen made a great save from Akrivopoulos.

The woodwork then came to Knox's rescue when a free kick beat Jorgensen. The ball rebounded into the path of substitute Lomuri but it came so fast at him that he was unable to control the ball and it skidded past the post.

Knox's best chance of the half came in the 80th minute when persistence by Ben Kasehagen saw Nick Veljovic clear of the defence. Anderson managed to get the merest of touches to his shot and the ball rolled agonisingly inches wide for a corner.

With 2 minutes to go, Knox failed to properly clear the ball and a deep cross found Sequiera at the far post and his header beat Jorgensen's desperate dive.

Knox City Reserves stayed top of the table with a 2-0 victory in the opening match against Kingston City. Two second half goals were enough to subdue a gritty opponent.

Knox City: M. Jorgensen, J. Woods, A. Edgar, C. Kerr, S. Barrero, A. Asimakidis (A. Hughes – 70th), D. Veljovic (B. Kasehagen – 75th), Z. Martinez, J. Valadon, N. Veljovic, M. Hoogendyk. Subs not used: C. Marshall, S. Missaghi.

Kingston City: C. Anderson, A. Georgoulis, N. Lojanka, C. Antoniou, J. Floros (S. Lomuri – 46th), N. Stamatiou, N. Bahar (S. Mulligan – 46th), A. Akrivopoulos, P. Sequiera, J. Martin, H. Stamatiadis. Subs not used: P. Stathopoulos, D. Hall, M. Cartwright.

By Bruce Darnell

State League Division 2 SE

NORTHCOTE ON COURSE

Pines Shock Fawkner With Screamer

Northcote City have this week made amends for last week's draw, scoring a 2-1 win over the eighth-placed Langwarrin at John Cain Memorial Park on Saturday afternoon.

However, they were made to come from behind after Cameron Leopold found the back of the net to hand Langwarrin a slender lead at half time. Northcote lifted a notch in the second half to secure an equaliser through Eduardo Soares, before finding the winning goal via Mark McGough. The win extends City's lead at the head of the table to four points, while Langwarrin missed an opportunity to vault into outright fifth place after giving up their early lead.

The Bentleigh Greens became their own worst enemies yesterday at Kingston Heath, having to settle for a 1-1 draw with bottom-side the Southern Stars. The Greens managed to grab an early goal, though they will rue only taking the single goal advantage into the break, after Chris Driver capitalised on some good attacking football to bring the Stars back onto level terms. The draw means the Greens fail to stay within a point of the ladder-leading Northcote City, and despite picking up a point, the Southern Stars fall to the bottom of the ladder after Frankston moved up.

The Frankston Pines shocked all in attendance with their first victory for the season in their thirteenth game, defeating the fourth-placed Fawkner Blues in the weekend's other game at John Cain Memorial Park. Peter Mangiapane became the hero for the Pines, scoring a sensational goal in the first half to help Frankston finally win a game in State League One; and consequently give the side some hope of avoiding relegation with eight games remaining. For the Blues, they will be bitterly disappointed that they are now eight points adrift of the top two after losing three of their past four games.

A herculean effort from St Albans forward Josic Loncaric has propelled the Saints to run out winners 3-2 over Clifton Hill in a nailbiting game at Churchill Reserve yesterday. St Albans got off to a flying start as Loncaric scored first goal soon after kick off, before consolidating the home side's lead after half time with his second goal. Steven Manceski and Theo Papoutsis managed to put Clifton Hill back into the game with back-to-back goals; however man-of-the-match Loncaric was not finished; sealing his hat-trick and the win for St Albans with his third goal. The Saints have continued making up for lost ground after they were deducted eight points from the FFV recently, St Albans sitting in equal fifth place now.

Pascoe Vale also sits in equal fifth on eighteen points after defeating the Western Suburbs 1-0 yesterday at Ralph Reserve. Suburbs; who are equal fifth as well, could not make the most of their plentiful shots early on; with Pascoe Vale making them pay dearly as Steven Tribuzio put the visitors in front. They managed to carry this lead into the break, and after this point were never genuinely threatened in what was a lacklustre second half, as Pascoe Vale held on for just their fourth victory of the season.

ByJeremy O'Neill

Divvie One Wrap

Caled Nicholes Lanfwarrin) gets up high for a header.

Rados Tomic (Langwarrin) takes a tumble amidst three Northcote City players.

RESULTS

Northcote City 2
(E Soares MK Mcgough)
Langwarrin 1 (CK Leopold),

Fawkner Blues 0
Frankston Pines 1
(PM Mangiapane)

Bentleigh Greens 1
Southern Stars 1 (C Driver)

St Albans Saints 3
(J Loncaric 3)
Clifton Hill 2
(S Manceski T Papoutsis)

Western Suburbs 0
Pascoe Vale 1 (S Tribuzio)

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Northcote City	14	9	4	1	26	15	31
Bentleigh Greens	13	8	3	2	19	10	27
FC Bulleen Lions	13	7	2	4	25	15	23
Fawkner Blues	14	5	4	5	16	18	19
St Albans Saints	13	8	3	2	27	15	18
Western Suburbs	14	5	3	6	23	18	18
Pascoe Vale	14	4	6	4	11	13	18
Langwarrin	14	5	2	7	23	25	17
Clifton Hill	14	2	6	6	16	25	12
Springvale White E	13	2	5	6	19	22	11
Frankston Pines	13	1	6	6	7	20	9
Southern Stars	13	1	4	8	11	27	7

ROUND 15 FIXTURES

Clifton Hill v FC Bulleen Lions
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Sat 18 Jul KO 3:00PM

Southern Stars v Northcote City
Ross Reserve
Sat 18 Jul KO 3:00PM

Langwarrin v Fawkner Blues
Lawton Park Reserve
Sat 18 Jul KO 3:00PM

Springvale WE v Bentleigh Greens
White Eagles Stadium
Sat 18 Jul KO 6:30PM

Frankston Pines v Pascoe Vale
Monterey Reserve
Sat 18 Jul KO 7:00PM

Western Suburbs v St Albans Saints
Ralph Reserve
Sun 19 Jul KO 3:00PM

RESERVE DETAILS

Northcote City 1 Langwarrin 0, Western Suburbs 1 Pascoe Vale 1, Fawkner Blues 1 Frankston Pines 3, Bentleigh Greens 7 Southern Stars 1, St Albans Saints 3 Clifton Hill 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bentleigh Greens	12	9	1	2	37	10	28
Western Suburbs	14	7	6	1	31	18	27
Pascoe Vale	14	6	5	3	26	19	23
FC Bulleen Lions	13	7	1	5	27	20	22
Fawkner Blues	14	6	3	5	20	25	21
Frankston Pines	13	6	0	7	19	23	18
Langwarrin	13	5	2	6	22	14	17
Northcote City	14	4	5	5	24	26	17
Southern Stars	13	5	1	7	18	29	16
Springvale White E	13	4	1	8	20	31	13
Clifton Hill	14	3	4	7	22	34	13
St Albans Saints	13	3	1	9	19	36	10

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STATE NORTH WEST 2

Seniors

Altona City 1 Thomastown Devils 1 (E Awad), Geelong Rangers 0 Brunswick City 1 (E Karas), Keilor Park 1 (A El Dib) Werribee City 0, Ballarat Red Devils 2 (J Flarup 2) Williamstown 2 (A Boschini M Maljanek), Sydenham Park 2 (D Spiteri Own Goal) North Geelong Warriors 1 (M Demo)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North Geelong Warriors	14	9	0	5	25	13	27
Brunswick City	14	6	6	2	18	13	24
Thomastown Devils	14	6	6	2	16	14	24
Werribee City	14	6	5	3	23	11	23
Altona East Phoenix	13	6	3	4	13	8	21
Altona City	14	6	3	5	22	20	21
Sydenham Park	14	5	3	6	16	26	18
Ballarat Red Devils	14	3	6	5	13	20	15
Geelong Rangers	14	4	2	8	17	22	14
Westgate	13	3	4	6	18	22	13
Williamstown	14	3	4	7	12	18	13
Keilor Park	14	3	4	7	9	15	13

Reserves

Altona City 1 Thomastown Devils 3, Geelong Rangers 3 Brunswick City 2, Keilor Park 3 Werribee City 0, Ballarat Red Devils 3 Williamstown 3, Sydenham Park 0 North Geelong Warriors 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keilor Park	14	11	1	2	39	12	34
Ballarat Red Devils	14	8	5	1	38	13	29
Altona City	14	8	3	3	22	13	27
Williamstown	14	6	6	2	26	16	24
Thomastown Devils	14	6	4	4	23	14	22
Geelong Rangers	14	6	3	5	22	24	21
North Geelong Warriors	14	6	1	7	25	23	19
Altona East Phoenix	13	5	2	6	9	14	17
Brunswick City	14	4	3	7	23	28	15
Sydenham Park	14	4	2	8	20	33	14
Werribee City	14	2	2	10	17	36	8
Westgate	13	0	2	11	7	45	2

STATE SOUTH EAST 2

Seniors

South Springvale 1 (S Groom) Malvern City 2 (G Kotsiris JM Sastre-Tejedor), Port Melbourne 0 Diamond Valley Utd 0, Dandenong City 0 Casey Comets 3 (K Paterson 2 L Ryan), Eastern Lions 3 Morwell Pegasus 2 (F Korkaric), Heatherton Utd 2 (M Klehic NJ D'Angelo) Doncaster Rovers 1, Knox City 1 (J Woods) Kingston City 2 (J Martin P Sequeira)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doncaster Rovers	14	9	3	2	30	17	30
Malvern City	14	8	1	5	40	23	25
Heatherton Utd	14	8	1	5	26	22	25
Diamond Valley Utd	14	6	5	3	27	19	23
Morwell Pegasus	14	7	2	5	25	25	23
Eastern Lions	14	7	1	6	25	20	22
Port Melbourne	14	4	5	5	16	19	17
Dandenong City	14	4	5	5	27	32	17
Casey Comets	14	4	3	7	17	29	15
Knox City	14	3	5	6	12	23	14
South Springvale	14	2	4	8	19	26	10
Kingston City	14	3	3	8	23	32	9

Reserves

South Springvale 1 Malvern City 4, Port Melbourne 0 Diamond Valley Utd 2, Dandenong City 1 Casey Comets 2, Eastern Lions 2 Morwell Pegasus 1, Heatherton Utd 0 Doncaster Rovers 6, Knox City 2 Kingston City 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox City	14	11	2	1	38	9	35
Port Melbourne	14	10	1	3	49	19	31
Dandenong City	14	9	3	2	36	22	30
Eastern Lions	14	9	2	3	27	11	29
Doncaster Rovers	14	8	3	3	51	17	27
Diamond Valley Utd	14	7	3	4	22	26	24
Morwell Pegasus	14	5	3	6	26	22	18
Casey Comets	14	4	2	8	25	25	14
Kingston City	14	4	1	9	14	32	13
Malvern City	14	3	1	10	24	36	10
South Springvale	14	1	2	11	17	62	5
Heatherton Utd	14	1	1	12	14	62	4

STATE NORTH WEST 3

Seniors

North Sunshine Eagles 1 (G Muslia) Banyule City 3 (S Digirolamo M Panaghis D Oosterloo), Melbourne University Rangers 0 La Trobe University 4 (L Lidestri N Vissaris V Skopljak A Chaban), Lalor 1 (A Arregin) Moreland City 1 (P Bossio), Maribyrnong Greens 1 (E Ahmetovic) Cairnlea 0, Westvale 1 (DJ Perri) Geelong 0, Yarraville Glory 1 (N Alevropoulos) Hume Utd 5 (B Ozdemir WJ Sismanis P Dickie V Ierardo Own Goal)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Banyule City	14	9	4	1	24	13	31
Maribyrnong Greens	14	9	1	4	23	11	28
Cairnlea	14	7	4	3	18	13	25
Hume Utd	14	7	2	5	28	21	23
Yarraville Glory	14	7	2	5	26	20	23
Moreland City	14	5	5	4	19	18	20
Geelong	14	5	3	6	18	22	18
Lalor	14	4	5	5	23	23	17
La Trobe University	14	4	3	7	20	23	15
Westvale	14	4	3	7	14	22	15
North Sunshine Eagles	14	3	1	10	14	28	10
Melbourne Uni Rangers	14	2	3	9	10	23	9

Reserves

North Sunshine Eagles 0 Banyule City 3, Melbourne University Rangers 2 La Trobe University 2, Lalor 0 Moreland City 2, Maribyrnong Greens 2 Cairnlea 0, Westvale 3 Geelong 2, Yarraville Glory 2 Hume Utd 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moreland City	13	12	0	1	45	12	36
Banyule City	14	10	1	3	29	17	31
La Trobe University	14	8	4	2	32	20	28
Hume Utd	14	8	0	6	25	19	24
Maribyrnong Greens	14	7	3	4	29	25	24
Melbourne Uni Rangers	14	6	3	5	26	23	21
Yarraville Glory	14	4	5	5	24	20	17
Westvale	14	4	2	8	22	43	14
Geelong	14	3	4	7	31	35	13
Cairnlea	14	3	3	8	24	24	12
Lalor	14	1	3	10	13	32	6
North Sunshine Eagles	13	0	6	7	6	36	6

STATE SOUTH EAST 3

Seniors

Southern Suburbs 2 (R Nicovski C Hoodless) Croydon City Arrows 1 (K Bober), Springvale City 3 (F Bove 3) Noble Park Utd 3 (Z Seci N Vukosavljevic 2), Nunawading City 3 (AM Adem CK Stemn Jnr 2) Sandringham City 4 (H Moustafa PA McCluskey M Cooke 2), Boroondara Eagles 0 Brandon Park 1 (S Kyriazis), Waverley Wanderers 0 Berwick City 1 (OA Mejias)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Berwick City	14	8	3	3	25	13	27
Southern Suburbs	14	7	5	2	23	12	26
Noble Park Utd	14	7	3	4	30	28	24
Springvale City	14	6	5	3	21	16	23
Brandon Park	14	6	4	4	21	14	22
Peninsula Strikers	13	6	3	4	22	15	21
Nunawading City	14	4	5	5	16	12	17
Waverley Wanderers	14	3	7	4	13	13	16
North Caulfield	13	3	5	5	8	13	14
Boroondara Eagles	14	4	1	9	17	29	13
Croydon City Arrows	14	2	6	6	10	20	12
Sandringham City	14	3	1	10	15	36	10

Reserves

Southern Suburbs 2 Croydon City Arrows 1, Springvale City 1 Noble Park Utd 1, Nunawading City 1 Sandringham City 2, Boroondara Eagles 3 Brandon Park 0, Waverley Wanderers 4 Berwick City 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City	14	12	1	1	40	10	37
Berwick City	14	8	2	4	46	25	26
Brandon Park	14	7	3	4	27	22	24
Croydon City Arrows	14	7	0	7	29	21	21
North Caulfield	13	6	2	5	26	15	20
Nunawading City	14	5	4	5	26	24	19
Peninsula Strikers	13	5	4	4	23	21	19
Noble Park Utd	14	5	2	7	28	35	17
Waverley Wanderers	14	4	4	6	17	35	16
Southern Suburbs	14	4	3	7	21	35	15
Springvale City	14	3	2	9	16	42	11
Boroondara Eagles	14	2	3	9	9	23	9

PROVI 1 NORTH WEST

Seniors

Elwood City 1 (S Hehir) Whittlesea Utd 0, Corio 0 Laverton Park 1 (R Rossi), Melbourne City 1 (A Milianti) Lalor Utd 3 (D Stojanovski 2 K Smirnis), Western Eagles 0 Essendon Utd 2 (A Imvriotis KA Paterson), FC Strathmore 2 (S Bebic T Domjancic) Sunbury Utd 2 (D Murdaca 2), South Yarra 2 (S Crossan B Dolan) Northern Falcons 1 (MA Rasile)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sunbury Utd	14	10	3	1	33	10	33
South Yarra	14	8	3	3	19	13	27
Laverton Park	14	7	5	2	26	17	26
Essendon Utd	14	8	2	4	25	19	26
Whittlesea Utd	14	8	1	5	22	17	25
FC Strathmore	14	5	5	4	19	16	20
Corio	14	5	2	7	17	23	17
Lalor Utd	14	4	1	9	16	20	13
Western Eagles	14	3	4	7	17	25	12
Melbourne City	14	3	3	8	16	33	12
Elwood City	14	3	2	9	18	26	11
Northern Falcons	14	3	3	8	14	23	11

Reserves

Elwood City 3 Whittlesea Utd 0, Corio 0 Laverton Park 0, Melbourne City 5 Lalor Utd 3, Western Eagles 0 Essendon Utd 1, FC Strathmore 0 Sunbury Utd 1, South Yarra 1 Northern Falcons 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Essendon Utd	14	11	2	1	34	13	35
South Yarra	14	11	1	2	27	13	34
Sunbury Utd	14	10	1	3	23	14	31
Elwood City	14	8	1	5	34	21	25
Laverton Park	14	5	4	5	23	22	19
FC Strathmore	14	6	1	7	16	15	19
Melbourne City	14	5	4	5	20	20	19
Whittlesea Utd	14	5	3	6	21	29	18
Lalor Utd	14	4	3	7	23	30	15
Northern Falcons	14	4	1	9	12	17	13
Western Eagles	14	1	4	9	14	28	7
Corio	14	0	3	11	14	39	3

PROVI 1 SOUTH EAST

Seniors

Mooroolbark 0 Monbulk 1 (C Cullimore), Ashburton 0 Monash University 2 (LP Johnson T Masinde), Fitzroy City 1 (N Jones) Old Melburnians 0, Old Camberwell Grammar 0 Mornington 0, Old Scotch 2 (J Beamish 2) Warragul Utd 3 (S Byers M Davies P Cooper), Doveton 2 (C Pieterse) Endeavour Utd 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fitzroy City	14	9	3	2	26	14	30
Monash University	14	8	4	2	31	16	28
Mornington	14	7	5	2	30	17	26
Warragul Utd	14	8	3	3	22	15	26
Old Camberwell Grammar	14	6	4	4	25	18	22
Old Scotch	14	6	3	5	19	16	21
Mooroolbark	14	5	5	4	14	16	20
Old Melburnians	14	5	0	9	16	24	15
Doveton	14	3	5	6	17	26	13
Monbulk	14	3	3	8	14	23	12
Endeavour Utd	14	3	0	11	18	30	9
Ashburton	14	2	3	9	18	35	9

Reserves

Mooroolbark 0 Monbulk 1, Ashburton 2 Monash University 1, Fitzroy City 1 Old Melburnians 6, Old Camberwell Grammar 1 Mornington 1, Old Scotch 1 Warragul Utd 0, Doveton 2 Endeavour Utd 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Monash University	14	10	2	2	37	15	32
Old Melburnians	14	8	3	3	35	19	27
Old Scotch	14	8	3	3	21	13	27
Old Camberwell Grammar	14	7	3	4	25	20	24
Doveton	14	6	3	5	22	21	21
Mooroolbark	14	5	5	4	19	14	20
Endeavour Utd	14	5	4	5	32	27	19
Mornington	14	4	5	5	21	25	17
Fitzroy City	14	5	0	9	27	40	15
Monbulk	14	3	3	8	14	33	12
Warragul Utd	14	2	5	7	14	25	11
Ashburton	14	2	2	10	15	30	8

PROVI 2 NORTH WEST

Seniors

Watsonia Heights 0 Hoppers Crossing 1 (GN Dos Santos), Moreland Utd 2 (D Salatino 2) Bell Park 3 (LH Nelson D Nelson N Hopper), Collingwood City 2 (D Tiamiyu JO Adedsun) Darebin Utd 0, Avondale Heights 2 (R Canzoneri 2) Melbourne Tornado 2 (T Spaleta J Bradler), Plenty Valley Lions 3 (C Nikolaidis J Lazorov N Filin) North City Lions 2 (D Huseyin K Ristevski), Epping City 3 (G Trajanoski 2 M Said) West Preston 1 (S Pouniotis)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Avondale Heights	14	9	3	2	42	15	30
North City Lions	14	8	3	3	39	16	27
Moreland Utd	14	8	1	5	23	27	25
West Preston	14	6	6	2	25	19	24
Epping City	14	7	3	4	25	20	24
Collingwood City	14	5	4	5	23	24	19
Bell Park	14	5	4	5	21	25	19
Hoppers Crossing	14	4	4	6	16	27	16
Plenty Valley Lions	14	3	5	6	17	27	14
Melbourne Tornado	14	3	3	8	16	27	12
Watsonia Heights	14	1	7	6	15	22	10
Darebin Utd	14	2	3	9	13	26	9

Reserves

Watsonia Heights 0 Hoppers Crossing 1, Moreland Utd 3 Bell Park 1, Collingwood City 11 Darebin Utd 0, Avondale Heights 1 Melbourne Tornado 1, Plenty Valley Lions 0 North City Lions 3, Epping City 7 West Preston 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Epping City	14	12	2	0	38	12	38
Collingwood City	14	9	1	4	42	20	28
Hoppers Crossing	14	8	4	2	33	21	28
North City Lions	14	8	3	3	32	19	27
Avondale Heights	14	8	3	3	29	19	27
Bell Park	14	6	2	6	34	23	20
Watsonia Heights	14	6	1	7	27	19	19
Moreland Utd	14	2	6	6	14	24	12
Plenty Valley Lions	14	3	1	10	24	36	10
Melbourne Tornado	14	2	4	8	17	34	10
Darebin Utd	14	2	3	9	17	54	9
West Preston	14	2	2	10	23	49	8

PROVI 2 SOUTH EAST

Seniors

Berwick Kings 2 (D Blanusa J Melendez-Valdez) Dandenong Sparrows 4 (KS Alwan DE Schulberg 2 D Ithier), White Star Dandenong 3 (S Lock M Sharifi D Najder) Rowville Eagles 0, Old Brighton Grammarians 0 Carrum Utd 1 (A Guarino), Old Carey 4 (R Stanner AF Amin 2 M Hargitay) Lyndale Utd 6 (R Roslan 2 M Train J Whiteside D Brown 2), Beaumaris 3 (T Hogan MG Antonopoulos DM Cappellari) Whitehorse Utd 2 (J Spittle P Seehusen), Caulfield Cobras 2 (P Alissaphos Y Tufan) Riversdale 2 (S Lecaros R Halliday)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong Sparrows	14	12	2	0	56	13	38
Beaumaris	14	9	1	4	31	17	28
Berwick Kings	14	8	1	5	31	22	25
Riversdale	14	7	3	4	31	31	24
Carrum Utd	14	7	2	5	26	25	23
Caulfield Cobras	14	7	1	6	25	18	22
Lyndale Utd	14	5	3	6	32	27	18
Whitehorse Utd	14	5	3	6	18	22	18
Old Carey	14	4	2	8	28	34	14
Old Brighton Grammarians	14	4	2	8	18	33	14
Rowville Eagles	14	2	3	9	17	36	9
White Star Dandenong	14	2	1	11	13	48	7

Reserves

Berwick Kings 0 Dandenong Sparrows 3, White Star Dandenong 3 Rowville Eagles 1, Old Brighton Grammarians 3 Carrum Utd 2, Old Carey 3 Lyndale Utd 0, Beaumaris 1 Whitehorse Utd 4, Caulfield Utd 2 Riversdale 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Riversdale	14	11	2	1	47	16	35
Dandenong Sparrows	14	11	1	2	43	12	34
Caulfield Utd	14	8	4	2	31	13	28
Old Carey	14	8	1	5	40	17	25
Old Brighton Grammarians	14	7	3	4	26	19	24
Beaumaris	14	7	2	5	37	22	23
Berwick Kings	14	6	2	6	18	29	20
Lyndale Utd	14	6	1	7	28	30	19
Whitehorse Utd	14	5	2	7	25	22	17
White Star Dandenong	14	2	1	11	15	55	7
Rowville Eagles	14	1	2	11	25	58	5
Carrum Utd	14	1	1	12	19	61	4

PROVI 3 NORTH WEST

Seniors

Ascot Vale 0 Brimbank Stallions 3 (E Gunsan M Raniolo R Cesaire), Brimbank City 2 (J Avdic A Kablar) Bundoora Utd 1 (S Agius), Keon Park 1 (T Rousalis) Mill Park 0, Upfield Surf Coast , Keilor Wolves 1 (D Panev) Youth Utd 4 (F Tatlidil 2 S Eren H Konak)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Youth Utd	14	9	3	2	23	6	30
Surf Coast	13	8	3	2	23	6	27
Brimbank City	14	8	3	3	26	16	27
Melton	13	7	3	3	29	21	24
Brimbank Stallions	14	6	2	6	21	23	20
Upfield	12	5	3	4	25	18	18
Brunswick Zebras	13	5	2	6	22	28	17
Keon Park	14	5	1	8	11	27	16
Bundoora Utd	14	4	3	7	26	25	15
Keilor Wolves	14	4	2	8	28	33	14
Mill Park	14	4	2	8	14	26	14
Ascot Vale	13	2	1	10	11	30	7

Reserves

Ascot Vale 0 Brimbank Stallions 3, Brimbank City 2 Bundoora Utd 1, Keon Park 1 Mill Park 1, Upfield 1 Surf Coast 0, Keilor Wolves 0 Youth Utd 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brimbank City	14	10	3	1	37	16	33
Bundoora Utd	14	9	3	2	46	19	30
Surf Coast	13	8	2	3	43	17	26
Upfield	13	8	2	3	42	20	26
Melton	13	6	5	2	30	17	23
Youth Utd	14	6	4	4	25	23	22
Keilor Wolves	14	5	3	6	27	34	18
Brimbank Stallions	14	5	1	8	18	20	16
Brunswick Zebras	13	4	2	7	23	26	14
Mill Park	14	3	3	8	19	35	12
Ascot Vale	14	2	1	11	10	47	7
Keon Park	14	0	3	11	10	56	3

PROVI 3 SOUTH EAST

Seniors

Endeavour Hills 1 (P Awu) Bayside Argonauts 5, Uni. of Melbourne 1 (M Cosmano) Glen Waverley 1 (D Frantzis), Seaford Utd 4 (N Allen A Cook C Neumann SD Curd) Meadow Park Eagles 1 (D Cannizzaro), East Bentleigh 1 (J Carballido) Brighton 1 (J Bowen), Eltham North 4 (A McNaughton C Melville N Mirecki LA Robertson) Keysborough 1 (P Rodriguez), Noble Park 2 (A Buhac 2) Old Trinity Grammarians 1 (TP Miller)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Meadow Park Eagles	14	10	0	4	38	19	30
Uni. of Melbourne	14	7	5	2	28	15	26
Noble Park	14	8	2	4	30	26	26
Brighton	14	7	3	4	29	21	24
Old Trinity Grammarians	14	7	3	4	32	29	24
Seaford Utd	14	6	4	4	21	14	22
Bayside Argonauts	13	6	3	4	29	18	21
Keysborough	14	5	2	7	21	22	17
East Bentleigh	14	3	4	7	19	33	13
Eltham North	14	3	3	8	23	40	12
Glen Waverley	14	2	3	9	19	35	9
Endeavour Hills	13	2	2	9	17	34	8

Reserves

Endeavour Hills 2 Bayside Argonauts 3, Uni. of Melbourne 4 Glen Waverley 2, Seaford Utd 4 Meadow Park Eagles 3, East Bentleigh 1 Brighton 1, Eltham North 4 Keysborough 3, Noble Park 2 Old Trinity Grammarians 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
East Bentleigh	14	9	3	2	23	10	30
Seaford Utd	14	9	2	3	27	15	29
Old Trinity Grammarians	14	8	2	4	26	19	26
Bayside Argonauts	14	6	6	2	29	18	24
Uni. of Melbourne	13	7	1	5	24	19	22
Glen Waverley	14	6	4	4	23	21	22
Keysborough	14	5	5	4	30	20	20
Meadow Park Eagles	14	4	3	7	22	26	15
Noble Park	14	3	5	6	21	29	14
Eltham North	14	3	4	7	20	32	13
Brighton	14	1	5	8	14	27	8
Endeavour Hills	13	1	2	10	20	43	5

ROUND 15 FIXTURES

All matches to be played on Saturday 18th July with 3pm KO unless otherwise stated.

STATE NW 2
Thomastown Devils v Sydenham Park
Epping Soccer Stadium Fri 17 Jul KO 8:15PM
North Geelong Warriors v Ballarat Red Devils
Elcho Park
Williamstown v Keilor Park
JT Gray Reserve
Werribee City v Westgate
Galvin Park Reserve
Altona East Phoenix v Geelong Rangers
Paisley Park Soccer Complex
Brunswick City v Altona City
Dunstan Reserve

STATE SE 2
Doncaster Rovers v Eastern Lions
Anderson Park Fri 17 Jul KO 8:30PM
Morwell Pegasus v Dandenong City
Ronald Reserve
Malvern City v Knox City
Kooyong Reserve No. 3
Casey Comets v Port Melbourne
Comets Stadium
Diamond Valley Utd v South Springvale
Partington Flats
Kingston City v Heatherton Utd
The Grange Reserve Sun 18 Jul KO 5:00PM

STATE NW 3
Hume Utd v Westvale
Laura Douglas Reserve
Geelong v Maribyrnong Greens
Stead Park Reserve
Cairnlea v Moreland City
Cairnlea Park
Banyule City v Yarraville Glory
Yallambie Park Reserve
Melbourne University Rangers v Lalor
Princes Park (Parkville)
La Trobe University v North Sunshine Eagles
Latrobe Uni Lower Field

STATE SE 3
Waverley Wanderers v Boroondara Eagles
Carlson Ave Reserve
Brandon Park v Nunawading City
Freeway Reserve
Sandringham City v Springvale City
RJ Sillitoe Reserve
Croydon City Arrows v Berwick City
Dorset Recreational Centre
Peninsula Strikers v Southern Suburbs
Centenary Park
Noble Park Utd v North Caulfield
Parkfield Reserve Sun 19 Jul KO 3:00PM

PROVI NW 1
Northern Falcons v Sunbury Utd
Hayes Park
FC Strathmore v Western Eagles
Strathnaver Reserve
Essendon Utd v Melbourne City
Aberfeldie Park
Whittlesea Utd v South Yarra
Thomas Street Recreation Centre
Lalor Utd v Corio
HR Uren Reserve
Laverton Park v Elwood City
Laverton Park Reserve

PROVI SE 1
Endeavour Utd v Old Scotch
Reema Reserve
Warragul Utd v Old Camberwell Grammar
Baxter Park (Warragul)
Mornington v Fitzroy City
Dallas Brooks Park
Monbulk v Doveton
Monbulk Recreation...
Old Melburnians v Ashburton
Robert Menzies Reserve
Monash University v Mooroolbark
Monash Uni Sports

PROVI NW 2
West Preston v Plenty Valley Lions
Oulton Reserve
North City Lions v Avondale Heights
Wallace Reserve
Melbourne Tornado v Darebin Utd
Newmarket Reserve
Hoppers Crossing v Epping City
Grange Reserve
Moreland Utd v Collingwood City
Moomba Park Reserve
Bell Park v Watsonia Heights
Bell Park Sports Club

PROVI SE 2
Beaumaris v Riversdale
Beaumaris Reserve
Whitehorse Utd v Old Carey
Terrara Park
Old Brighton Grammarians v Lyndale Utd
Dendy Park
Caulfield Cobras v Dandenong Sparrows
Victory Park
Carrum Utd v White Star Dandenong
HD Thomas Reserve
Rowville Eagles v Berwick Kings
Park Ridge Reserve

PROVI NW 3
Youth Utd v Upfield
Seth Raistrick Reserve
Surf Coast v Keon Park
Quay Reserve
Mill Park v Brimbank City
Findon Reserve
Brimbank Stallions v Keilor Wolves
Italo-Australian Social club
Bundoora Utd v Melton
Hills Recreation Centre
Brunswick Zebras v Ascot Vale
Sumner Park

PROVI SE 3
Old Trinity Grammarians v Eltham North
Trinity Sports Ground
Keysborough v Brighton
Coomoora Reserve
East Bentleigh v Seaford Utd
Bailey Reserve
Bayside Argonauts v Noble Park
Shipston Reserve
Meadow Park Eagles v Uni. of Melbourne
Gladstone Park Reserve
Glen Waverley v Endeavour Hills
Larpent Reserve